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EDWARD H. REDSTONE, Cambridge	1928
HILLER C. WELLMAN, Springfield	1929

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REPORT OF THE BOARD

To the Commissioner of Education.

In accordance with the provisions of section 14 of chapter 78 of the General Laws, the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners herewith presents its thirty-seventh report, covering the fiscal year December 1, 1925, to November 30, 1926.

THE BOARD

On May 25, His Excellency the Governor reappointed Miss Anna M. Bancroft a member of the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners for a period of five years.

Miss Elizabeth P. Sohler, who had been a member of the Board since its establishment in 1890, died on November 9. At the next meeting of the Commissioners an appreciation of her service was placed on record, and is reprinted at the end of this report.

OFFICE ACTIVITIES

Correspondence. All the general correspondence is conducted by the General Secretary; questions on work with the foreign-born are referred to that department, on schools and field work to the Field Secretary, on institutions to the General Secretary. Requests for special lists and special information come in every mail; here are a few, taken at random: Purchase lists for a hundred dollars' worth of children's books, for two hundred dollars' worth of reference books; a book on sea shells; a novel dealing with Shay's Rebellion; the best biographies of the year; lists on vocations, trades, drama, transportation, business methods, music; information about duplicate pay collections, various subscription sets, vacations, debate material, library laws, duties of trustees, remodelling and building, comparative statistics of appropriations, salaries, hours of opening and circulation per capita.

Occasionally general information is disseminated in the form of circular letters. One such letter, written in response to protests from several trustees as well as librarians on the methods used by certain book agents

and the quality of subscription books, was sent to every library in the state. It embodied a few rules for guidance and closed with a note to the effect that the knowledge and resources of the Division on this matter as well as others are available to the libraries. A committee of three, of whom the General Secretary is one, has since been appointed by the Massachusetts Library Club "to prepare a digest of opinions on current books and sets offered for sale by subscription."

Registration for Librarians. The Board has filled 37 library vacancies. Positions filled include six head librarians, five school librarians, three special and one college library assistants. For the first time in many years the supply of library workers far exceeded the demand, and for two weeks the Division had the unique experience of a total lack of vacancies. The annual examination in November was taken by nine applicants of whom two passed with fairly high marks. These examinations each year show a serious lack of general knowledge in many of our library assistants; the average High School graduate apparently has little first-hand knowledge of books or art or current events. Because of this lack of background there is an increasing call for college graduates for these minor positions, even though they have had no library experience.

One problem which librarians are trying to solve is this: Given a fairly good corps of assistants, what can be done to broaden their horizon, stimulate them to study, and raise their professional standard? Several of the larger libraries are conducting staff meetings, book clubs, encouraging their assistants to take university and library school summer courses, but few of the smaller libraries can make such arrangements conveniently. In response to several requests the Board this Fall organized a course under the Division of University Extension called "Children's literature; its beginnings and development" to be given by Miss Alice M. Jordan, Supervisor of Work with Children, Boston Public Library. This course will consist of twelve lectures, starting January 15, 1927, in the Boston Public Library Lecture Hall. A large enrollment is indicated. In making this experiment the Board desires to help assistants already engaged in library work to a better understanding of the background of their work, not to offer a short cut into the profession to would-be applicants.

Institutes for Librarians. These are held every year as a means of furthering professional interest and community service in the small libraries. A very successful one was conducted at the Fitchburg Normal School the week of May 3, with an attendance of nearly one hundred. Nineteen were guests from village libraries invited by the Board with expenses paid; five of these were new to the profession. This was the second institute to be held at a normal school in spring vacation; this arrangement is ideal for the librarians because they can be housed comfortably in the school dormitories and so become acquainted and exchange ideas. The Board thanks Commissioner Smith and Mr. Frank W. Wright for making this institute possible; Mr. William D. Parkinson, Superintendent of the Fitchburg Normal School for his hospitality; and the librarian and staff of the Fitchburg Public Library for their co-operation.

Gifts to Small Libraries. Children's books were given to 105 libraries in towns whose valuation is under a million and a half, with the stipulation that they be used to supplement school work; periodicals dealing with library work and book selection to 86 libraries. Book lists and other printed aids to library service were distributed as usual.

Inter-Library Loans. From this collection of approximately six hundred titles 2190 books were lent to 120 libraries. About half these books are on education,—books which the average small town library cannot afford to buy and to which the majority of teachers in the state have no other means of access. In addition to these the Division has a small col-

lection of biography, travel, popular science and other non-fiction which it lends to rural communities.

State Certificate Reading. More than 20,000 certificates have been awarded during the year in 170 towns and cities. Over 4000 of these are honor, or twenty-book certificates. These figures are nearly double those of last year, due very largely to the efforts of school superintendents and teachers who have attended the local teachers' institutes mentioned under *Schools*.

In addition to the public libraries and schools noted in the above paragraph, private schools, state institutions and state normal schools are using these state lists. A total of 500 certificates have been awarded in the normal schools of Hyannis, Salem and Westfield, where the English instructors are using the lists as a basis of their courses in children's literature.

Exhibits. Various phases of the work of the Division were exhibited at the "Modeltown" demonstration in Boston, at the annual convention of the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs in Swampscott and the Parent-Teacher Association in Boston, and at the Boston Public Library in connection with the exhibit held in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the American Library Association. Panels indicating library work throughout the country for rural communities, the foreign-born and in penal and correctional institutions, were shown in the A. L. A. exhibition at the Sesquicentennial in Philadelphia.

FIELD WORK

A survey made by the American Library Association in connection with its fiftieth anniversary shows that Massachusetts stands first in number of volumes per capita, first in proportion of library expenditure to school expenditure, and second only to California in income and circulation per capita. Library progress in the Commonwealth during the thirty-six years since the establishment of the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners is indicated by the following tables.

I

In 1890 there were	(The Library Commission was established in 1890)	In 1926 there are
351	Cities and towns	355
244	Free public libraries	419
103	Towns having NO public library	0
175	Towns having free public libraries owned and controlled by the town	276
28	Towns having free libraries partly under municipal control	40
22	Towns appropriating money but not represented in the management	31
21	Towns in which are free libraries supported and controlled by private associations	8
2	Towns having libraries supported by the town but not free	0

II

In 1895 (estimated)	(The first statistics were compiled in 1895)	In 1925 (approximately)
2,540,000	Books in all the public libraries	8,150,000
6,267,000	Books circulated	21,400,000
2.5	Per capita circulation	5
\$643,150	Spent for public libraries	\$3,233,000
15c	Per capita expenditure	77c

Table II shows a gratifying increase in number of volumes, circulation of books and total expenditure. According to American Library Association standards public libraries should have at the very least an income of \$1.00 per capita and a circulation of 5 volumes per capita. In circulation Massachusetts libraries measure up to the standard, but in income they do not, for in 1925 there were only 86 libraries receiving one dollar or more per capita, while 146 received from fifty cents to one dollar and 186 endeavored to provide library service on less than fifty cents per capita. The average income is seventy-seven cents and the average total municipal levy expended for libraries in the state is only 1.41% although from 2% to 3% is estimated to be a fair allotment. In spite of the inadequate incomes of the small libraries many show a circulation of from five to nine books per capita. The aid the state gives to such libraries in adding each year to their supply of books, in sending their librarians to institutes, and in personal visits and advice, is undoubtedly a large factor in these results.

New Library Established. Newbury has been for many years the only town in the state without a library. By paying a small fee to Newburyport it had the privilege of using that library. An appeal came from Byfield, the largest village in the town, for the establishment of a library since it was too far from Newburyport to use its resources. Through the efforts of one of the ministers a library was started, another citizen gave the use of a large room over a store, books and furniture were solicited and the library is functioning. It is expected that it will be taken over by the town at the next town-meeting. The interest and cooperation of the libraries of the state was shown by the generous gift of books from their duplicate collections; about a thousand volumes were donated.

Improved conditions. With a library in every town, with the privilege of inter-library loan and the services of this Division available, the small towns have every opportunity to serve their communities and where the voters appreciate the importance of the library and give it adequate support that service can be extended to its full capacity.

This year has brought encouragement in the awakening of several small libraries which had seemed hopelessly dormant. In one town this was effected by a new minister who, in his desire for service, willingly accepted the position of librarian; in another by a new trustee; in a third by a new librarian; all sought and obtained aid from the Division in reorganization, book selection and improved service.

Library Buildings. The New Bedford South End Branch and the West Newton Branch have been completed. The charming little library given to Paxton by Mr. E. G. Richards is a striking type of colonial building appropriate for a small town. The Andover library is being remodelled into an attractive colonial building with special accommodations for children. The Westfield Athenaeum, the East Watertown Branch and the South Lawrence Branch are under construction. Money has been raised by gifts and subscriptions for a new building at Berlin and plans are being considered. Plans have been drawn for a building at Newton Center and are under consideration for Auburndale, both branches of the Newton Library. The Westhampton library has received a bequest from the estate of Mr. Clark Thayer for a building. Advice has been given by the Division in regard to the erection of new and the remodelling of old buildings at Berlin, Andover, Hampden, Winchester, South Yarmouth, Lynnfield, Centerville and Wellesley.

Library Extension. Schools. A folder entitled "Suggestions for co-operative relationship between public schools and public libraries" was written in collaboration with members of the staff of the Department of Education. It has been distributed widely among librarians and teachers and used as a basis for discussion in school conferences. A committee of normal school librarians has compiled statistics by which the normal schools

of the state are compared with the standards adopted by the American Library Association and the National Education Association in their "Measuring stick for normal school libraries." It is hoped that this report may aid in raising the standards of these libraries. The committee in charge of the preparation of a manual for high school libraries has completed its work and the manual is in the hands of the printer.

The Field Secretary has conducted Round Table conferences of normal school librarians at Salem and at Framingham in connection with the Conference of Normal School Instructors and has attended two meetings of the New England School Library Association. At the request of the Supervisor of Elementary Education, either the Field or the General Secretary presented the relations of the library to the school at seven local teachers' institutes. This resulted in additional interest in the state certificate reading and increased demand for loans of books on education. A talk on this same subject was also given before the teachers assembled at the Hyannis summer school.

With the development of school libraries and the increasing number of calls for talks on books and libraries at school conferences and parent-teacher associations, the need of a school library supervisor becomes more apparent. The Field Secretary endeavors to meet all urgent requests but the situation demands someone whose entire time can be devoted to this phase of the work.

Institutions. Library service to state and county institutions is given only on request from the institution. The work is under the charge of the General Secretary. Gradually the book collections in various institutions are being improved and interest in reading is stimulated.

The library of the State Prison at Charlestown, reorganized by this Division in 1924, shows the following interesting table of circulation: Total number of books issued during the year to the average daily population of 870, was 35,031 volumes. The most popular class of non-fiction was literature (largely poetry), the next travel. The Reformatory for women at Framingham maintains its reputation of having a model library. The circulation figures here are 15,698 for a population averaging 275; 3,939 were books read for state certificates. Lists and suggestions for purchase have been made for the Massachusetts Reformatory at Concord where books on trades and popular science are much in demand.

The two State Industrial Schools have been visited and suggestions made for improved service. At the girls' school, in Lancaster, a talk on books and reading was given and the state certificate reading started. Upon request of the superintendent at the boys' school in Shirley a list of books to be added was made out and ordered for purchase and "follow-up" service promised for next year.

A visit was made to the House of Correction at Lawrence and a plan suggested whereby the Public Library will lend books and the librarian give talks to the men. A request for books from men awaiting sentence in the jail on Martha's Vineyard was filled through the co-operation of the Edgartown librarian.

Visits to various county schools for boys made by members of the Department of Education revealed an appalling lack of books of any kind and upon request of these agents a list of approximately three hundred titles suitable for boys from eight to sixteen was compiled.

Monson and Taunton State Hospitals were visited. At the former the medical library was reclassified according to the Boston Medical Library plan and subject-headings and cross references outlined for the card catalogue.

Summary of Field Work. The Field and General Secretaries have made 126 visits. Talks have been given to 23 groups, including Women's Clubs, Parent-Teacher Associations, library training classes and two

talks by radio. In addition to this 59 meetings have been attended in the interests of library activities.

Aid in various forms of reorganization has been given to 21 libraries; material of no permanent value has been discarded in 19; the catalog revised in 7; bookmending instruction given in 11.

FOREIGN WORK

Service in Problems of Individual Libraries. In addition to 600 booklists mailed to interested libraries, many requests for assistance in book selection have been met. These included inquiries about titles for a winter's program on racial backgrounds to use in a reading club of 30 older boys and girls of Polish, Russian, Jewish and Greek origin; another library's wish to provide a selected list of current French novels, etc. Cotton's "Theodore Roosevelt," Talbot's "Help yourself lessons," and Long's "Story of America" in Slovak have been purchased in quantity and sent as gifts to appropriate libraries. Many duplicates from the Division's English and foreign collections and from gifts received have been passed on. Thirty-one talks have been given; 38 meetings and lectures attended (the latter largely outside of office hours); and 64 calls made in the interest of library service to immigrants.

Work With Various Agencies. This Division at the request of the Division of University Extension has co-operated with 26 libraries in communities where teachers were enrolled in training courses. Collections have been lent for the use of teachers in training at Fall River, Hyannis, and North Adams. Talks by the secretary have been included in the courses at Harvard Summer School, Hyannis and the closing exercises of evening school at Southbridge. The international Institute of the Boston Y. W. C. A. asked the secretary to serve on their Board of Management. The Daughters of the American Revolution sought the Division's aid in the more systematic library distribution of their manual, in suggestions for its future revision, and for a talk at a chapter meeting. The Federation of Women's Club's Committee on Americanization has three times asked for talks to leaders; for an exhibit on the reading of aliens and attendance by the secretary at their Swampscott conference; for help in compiling booklists, and for a radio talk. Talks have also been requested by the Bethesda Society; the State House Women's Club; the West Concord Women's Club; the Parent-Teacher Association of Winchester and Melrose; The Chatham, New Jersey, Woman's Club; and the Whittier Home Association in Amesbury.

The Divisions of Immigration, University Extension and Public Libraries, under the leadership of Commissioner Smith arranged a large conference at the State House on "What Massachusetts is Doing For the Foreign-born." Many prominent people were on the program, including Mr. W. W. Husband, Assistant Secretary of Labor. The aim was to add to public information on the Commonwealth's activities for the welfare of the alien, showing how it helps him to learn English and how it provides for his reading interests. A round table on library and school work for the foreign-born was arranged by the Division at the Attleboro public library. Six towns sent representatives from interested agencies.

The American Library Association has published a bibliography entitled "Easy English for New Americans; with Reading Lists for Americanization Workers" compiled by the Secretary for Work with Foreigners. The Association asked the Secretary to plan and set up the foreign work exhibit at the Sesquicentennial, to serve as a member of the Committee on Work with the Foreign-born, as chairman of the program committee of the foreign round table meeting at the conference at Atlantic City, to speak at the small libraries round table at the same conference, and to go as delegate to the National Congress on Americanism held under the auspices of the American Legion. The Massachusetts Library

Club's Committee on Work with New Americans is identical in purpose and activities with the Division's foreign work, and the secretary is its chairman. An interesting feature of the year's work was a meeting with the staff of the International Institute of the Boston Young Women's Christian Association for spoken reviews of new publications on immigration. The information was made available to librarians by invitation to attend and by the wide circulation of short accounts of the reviews through annotated lists. A new series of articles about library privileges for French residents in Massachusetts has been accepted for publication by six French newspapers.

Traveling Libraries. The number of books lent, principally to the smaller libraries, totals 4758; Polish books were called for most, French and Italian next, and Lithuanian, Finnish, Bohemian, Chinese, Greek, Swedish, Armenian, Syrian, Portuguese, Spanish, Yiddish, Russian, Hungarian, German, Slovak, Norwegian, Hebrew and Dutch were also requested, in addition to English for adult beginners and for Americanization workers. A librarian of one of the small libraries writes after receiving a traveling collection: "I wish you could see the faces of the Slovak people when they hear the books have come!—we couldn't have them without your help." Another says: "We were very glad to receive the traveling library in Finnish and I wish you could see the people coming for them!" The increasing value of this service is shown by the gain in circulation of 553 over last year.

SUMMARY

The various activities outlined in the foregoing report may be summarized as follows:

Books given to	105	libraries
Periodicals subscribed to	114	"
Aid in reorganizing, mending, discarding to	51	"
Library positions filled	37	
Official visits made by staff	190	
Addresses made by staff	54	
Inter-library loans sent to	120	libraries
Number of books lent	2190	
Foreign books lent to	99	libraries
Number of books lent	4758	
Number of languages represented	22	
Using state reading certificates	178	libraries
Certificates awarded (approximately)	20,000	

THE FUTURE

The steadily increasing demand from the libraries for the loan of special books inclines the Board to the belief that the best service of the Division in the future must come from an extension of that service. This is impossible with the present inadequate appropriation and the Board again urges that its appropriation be increased.

CHARLES F. D. BELDEN,
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Commissioners.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOARD OF FREE PUBLIC
LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS*Debit*

Dec. 1, 1925, to Nov. 30, 1926.

Books, periodicals, pamphlets and lists for distribution to libraries	\$7,117.21	
Cataloging, mending and supplies for small libraries	2,516.74	
Expenses for library institute	366.05	
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Personal services		10,364.88
Traveling expenses	1,759.75	
Office supplies, books and furniture	391.46	
Clippings, telegraph and telephone	180.12	
Binding	164.40	
Printing	406.43	
Express and postage	545.24	
Miscellany	352.38	
	<hr/>	\$3,799.78
Total		\$24,164.66

Credit

Amount drawn from appropriation of \$10,000 for aid to libraries	\$10,000.00
Amount drawn from appropriation of \$10,400 for personal services	10,364.88
Amount drawn from appropriation of \$3,800 for expenses	3,799.78
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Total	\$24,164.66

In Memoriam

ELIZABETH PUTNAM SOHIER

It sometimes happens that a woman of generous impulse, strong conviction, and sure insight, effects a remarkable achievement, while her modest aversion from publicity keeps those outside the circle of her friends and associates from suspecting the reach of her influence.

Such a woman was Elizabeth P. Sohier. When the public library, which has now overspread the land, was still in its early and formative stage, her eager vision saw what a force for happiness and welfare it might become if wisely developed. And from that day, its extension and guidance became the chief of her many public-spirited avocations.

In 1890 she was instrumental in creating the Massachusetts Free Public Library Commission, the first state agency of its kind in the world, set up to counsel libraries and foster their establishment. In this body she served as secretary until her death—a term of thirty-six years; and within the memory of the oldest living member she never once failed to attend its meetings. During this period, and owing in no small measure to her personal effort, she saw every city and town of the Commonwealth provided with a public library—a situation without a parallel. Her knowledge of conditions and her acquaintance with people in the towns throughout the state were extraordinary, and not only helped in establishing libraries but enabled her to enlist the aid of officials and individuals for their subsequent support and well-being. Long before the word “Americanization” became current she saw the need, and secured the appointment of a state agent to assist public libraries in helping aliens to intelligent citizenship. Her knowledge of legislative affairs was masterly, and much of the library legislation adopted by the state in the last four decades she not only shaped, but was often the most influential factor in procuring its enactment.

Her force of character was balanced by innate shyness and consideration for the opinions of others, qualities which fitted her for working well with her associates. If her view failed of acceptance, no one supported the final decision more loyally. But her sense of the propriety of a course of action as well as her prevision of its ultimate effects gave her judgments exceptional weight.

With deep personal sorrow, her fellow members of the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners make this record of the loss sustained by the Commonwealth in the death of a self-effacing, wise, and patriotic woman.

APPENDIX I

NOTES ON MASSACHUSETTS LIBRARIES

Bequests and gifts of money of \$100 or more, to the libraries of the Commonwealth during 1926 total \$292,637.

Inter-library Loans: Although the record of these loans is not complete, the reports show that this privilege of borrowing from other libraries in the Commonwealth is being used extensively. One hundred and twelve libraries report that they borrowed, fifty-one that they lent books. The Boston Public Library, always very generous in its response to requests, reports 1,070 volumes lent to 109 town libraries; New Bedford, 266 volumes to 23 libraries. Springfield, Worcester, Lynn, Plymouth, Pittsfield and nearly all the other larger libraries lend to neighboring towns. Brookline lent 110 volumes and borrowed 131; Lowell lent 629 to Dracut alone; Attleboro borrowed 21 and lent 50; Somerville borrowed 48 and lent 51; Middleborough borrowed 26 and lent 46. However, even with this state-wide system and the inter-library loan collection of the Division of Public Libraries to draw upon, many requests are unfilled.

Index to Library Activities Among Towns Noted Below

- Americanization classes.** Lynn; Mansfield; Northbridge.
Anniversary floats. Chelsea; Merrimacport; Methuen.
Appropriations. Georgetown; Somerville.
Book review clubs. Lynn; Ware.
Branch libraries. Beverly; Boston; Dracut; East Longmeadow; Fairhaven; Framingham; Gloucester; Lawrence; Malden; Melrose; New Bedford; Newton; Quincy; Saugus; Somerville; Watertown; West Springfield.
Buildings, new and remodelled. (See also Branch libraries). Andover; Boston; Chelsea; Hudson; Paxton; Pittsfield; Reading; Stow; Westfield; Winthrop; Yarmouth, *South*.
Children's book week. Attleboro; Charlton; Danvers; Enfield; Fairhaven; Georgetown; Harvard; Lynn; Medford; North Adams; Peabody; Wakefield.
Classes and lecture courses. Beverly; Boston; Chelsea.
Clubs. Adams; Attleboro; Brockton; Lynn; Whitman.
Community interest. Berlin; Newbury; Yarmouth, *South*.
Exhibitions. Boston; Haverhill; Lenox; West Springfield; Worcester.
Extension service. (See also Hospital service). Amherst; Harvard; Wakefield; Walpole.
Hospital service. Milton; Quincy; Waltham.
Inter-library loan. Dracut; Pittsfield.
Library entertainments. Barnstable, *Hyannis*; Beverly.
Memorial gifts. Abington, *North*; Chatham; Milton; Southwick.
Music. Attleboro; Boston; Uxbridge; Wakefield.
Prize contests. Edgartown; Fairhaven; North Adams; Peabody; Wakefield; Worcester.
Publicity. Haverhill; Needham; Norwell.
"Reading with a purpose" series. North Adams; Tyngham.
Salaries. Somerville; Watertown.
Schools. Adams; Barnstable, *Hyannis*; Deerfield, *South*; East Longmeadow; Foxborough; Hull; Lunenburg; Northbridge; Plymouth; Reading; Saugus; Southwick; Walpole; Ware; Webster; Worcester.
Staff experiments. Beverly; Lynn; Walpole.
State certificate reading. Belchertown; Beverly; Falmouth; George-

town; Ludlow; North Adams; Plymouth; Southwick; Ware; West Bridgewater.

Story hours. Berkley; Beverly; Hudson; North Attleboro; South Hadley; Westborough.

Sunday opening. Southbridge.

Trustees' meetings. Hudson.

Abington, North. From Mrs. William B. Arnold has been received \$1,000 to be known as the Blanche Arnold Silvester Fund; the income is to be used in the Art Department. Miss Abby N. Arnold, a Trustee, has given a bronze tablet commemorating the service of Frank G. Wheatley, M.D., Chairman of the Board, who died last summer.

Acushnet. At town meeting \$2,500 was voted to purchase land for the new public library.

Adams. A new feature for this year was the development of club work among the boys and girls. A handicraft club of twelve year old boys made checker boards under the leadership of one of the high school principals, a girl scout group has been organized, and there is a Saturday afternoon club for younger boys and girls. In all club work, wherever possible, a connection with books and reading is made. The C. T. Plunkett Junior high school library is developing rapidly both in circulation and school reference work. A collection of some 1500 books for home reading yielded a circulation of 11,657 for the eleven months of January 1926 to December 1926, an increase of 8,626 over the first eleven months of 1925.

Agawam. A pageant given by the school pupils netted \$86 for the library endowment fund.

Amesbury. The library has received a unique gift from Mr. Ralph Bauer, Mayor of Lynn, of the President's flag which was flown at Bauercrest when the President and Mrs. Coolidge were guests there July 11, 1925. A photograph of the President, Governor Fuller and town officials also was presented. The flag has been framed and hung over the delivery desk.

Amherst. The most interesting development of this library has been its extension of service to neighboring towns and villages. Last year it took over the North Amherst library, operating it as a branch with one of the Jones Library assistants in charge. This year the assistant resigned and the librarian in the neighboring town of Leverett was persuaded to assume the care of the North Amherst branch in connection with her own library. In addition to this service the Jones Library has been lending books and providing story hours to remote school houses in North and South Amherst, Cushman and the adjoining town of Pelham. The old Amherst hotel, in which the library was housed, was burned early in December (1926) and much valuable material was lost. The books and furniture saved were moved into a vacant house next door and library service resumed immediately. The plans are completed for the new building. The trustees have purchased a site on Amity and Pleasant Streets. The heirs of the late William A. Burnett have given to the library a collection of one hundred oil paintings, several bronzes and other art objects as a memorial to their father.

Andover. At the annual town meeting in March, \$90,000 was appropriated to remodel the Memorial Hall according to plans made by Coolidge & Carlson of Boston. The library moved to temporary quarters on the first of July, when the remodelling was begun.

Attleboro. The Chaminade Club has made its annual gift of \$50 for the music fund. Mrs. Gertrude H. Sweet has given \$300 for the purchase of children's books. During the summer vacation an

"Adventure Club" was formed with 147 children using the children's room. The meetings were conducted by the president and officers and were held every Saturday morning. The programs consisted of two-minute accounts of adventures (a chapter or incident in some book read during the week) and games or a play adapted from some book. The programs were carried out by a committee of six appointed each previous week. During "Good Book Week" a costume party was held, at which nearly 80 children came dressed as their favorite book characters. Posters advertising the Week and its meaning were made by the children.

Barnstable. A bequest of \$30,000 comes to the Sturgis Library from Dr. William Sturgis Bigelow, to be used for general purposes.

Centerville. The librarian reports gifts from various citizens and associations amounting to \$50.

Cotuit. Instruction in bookmending has been given under the direction of the Division.

Hyannis. Mr. N. B. H. Parker has made his usual gift of \$100 for children's books. A framed portrait of Mrs. Hannah Crowell, librarian and treasurer of the Library Association for more than twenty years, has been given to the library. During their "home room period" one afternoon in October, the girls of the first division of the eighth grade (Junior High), visited the public library by invitation of the librarian. A bright fire was burning in the grate. The Hyannis pupils acted as hostesses and showed the pupils from the other villages of Barnstable the objects of interest in the library. After this slips of paper were distributed among the girls on which were questions asking where to look for certain books, bits of knowledge, etc. In this manner valuable information was imparted to the class in finding material in the library and in the use of the card catalog.

Barre. The \$10,000 bequest of Mrs. Mary Brimblecom Martin to erect an addition to the library to shelter the Harriet Caldwell Brimblecom collection may be allowed to accumulate if found insufficient.

Bedford. Upon the recommendation of the Field Secretary, new shelves have been built in the reading room and the children's books removed from the general collection to these open shelves.

Belchertown. The library is the recipient of a gift of 150 books from the private library of Mrs. Langley, for many years president of the Board of library trustees. Extensive repairs have been made on the library building. The librarian has co-operated with the state school for the feeble-minded in the town and introduced there the certificate reading.

Berkley. Story hours have been given by teachers with great enjoyment to the children.

Berlin. This is the story of a town's efforts towards a new library. More than twenty years ago the Woman's Club started a building fund, each member pledging to earn one dollar. About \$30 was raised in this way and has drawn interest ever since. Later, the town added \$1,000 which included two sums of money and a house left to the town by will. For several years the library trustees netted about \$200 a year from entertainments on Old Home Day, \$3,000 came by will, \$500 from the Soldiers' Bonus Refund, \$500 from the Grange, \$100 from the Alliance of the Unitarian Church, \$50 from the Board of Trade, other sums from various entertainments until the fund has reached \$11,000. A drive is now on for \$7,000 more and architects' plans for the new building are being considered. A bequest of \$3,450 was received in 1926 from Mrs. Mary J. Keyes and one of \$500 under the will of Willard G. Bruce. The Division has aided the library in mending books.

Beverly. A bequest of \$10,000 has been left to the library under the

will of Miss Elizabeth P. Sohier, long a trustee, and also charter member of the State Board of Free Public Library Commissioners. The income of this fund is to be used for work with children. A large lot of land adjoining the library has been purchased as the site for a building for boys and girls. A new branch has been opened in Ryal Side. The library has more than doubled its circulation in twelve years. This library has on its staff a story-teller, employed on half time. She gives story hours each week in the library and also in rotation at six schools too far away to enable the pupils to attend the library story hours. In addition she has a poetry class for girls and a declamation class for boys in the Junior High School, and a course in story-telling for teachers. Another member of the staff gives talks in the library hall every other week on correlating books, pictures and music in such subjects as history, geography, civics and vocational work. Among entertainments given at the library may be noted two arranged by the children who were doing certificate reading, one in June and the other during Children's Book Week in November.

Billerica. The circulation has increased to such an extent that an extra, full-time assistant has been added to the staff.

Boston. The year has been marked by increase of service and by many improvements in the physical plant of the library system. Owing in part to the increased appropriation for the purchase of books, the home circulation for the year has grown by about 200,000 volumes. An earnest attempt is being made to strengthen the service at various weak points in order to reduce the number of unsuccessful applications for books. The increased emphasis on library service in the field of music has been continued in the delightful series of chamber concerts by famous string quartets, supported in the library by Mrs. Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge, as well as by the Extension Course on the regular concerts of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, a series of lectures with music.

Major repairs at the Central Library have included the re-establishment of the ventilating system, the over-hauling of the book railway, the re-furnishing of the Exhibition Room, Lecture Hall and other important rooms, and the extension of the facilities of the central branch department by the construction of a mezzanine floor. The great lantern-brackets at the Copley Square entrance are being re-built and plans are on foot for reconstruction in the Special Libraries Department for the purpose of rendering more safe the rarer treasures of the library.

There have been major repairs at the East Boston and West End Branch Libraries and the Roxbury Branch Library has been installed in the fine new quarters built for its use in the new Roxbury Memorial High School Building. Plans are on foot for the opening of additional branches, especially in districts of the city which are now remote from library facilities.

An attractive and comprehensive library exhibit which received most favorable comment was on display in the Exhibition Room of the Central Library during the summer months in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the American Library Association. In addition to material relating to the activities of the National Association, the work of the Free Public Library Commission since its establishment in 1890 was shown, as well as the progress of the Boston Public Library System since 1876.

Braintree. A general weeding out of old material which had accumulated for many years was carried on under the direction of the Division. This has given much needed space for additions.

Brockton. The librarian reports an increase in circulation of 43,500 over 1925. A vacation reading club sponsored by the library proved

very successful; 105 members received pins for reading the required number of books and 29 were on the honor list for reading ten selected books.

Burlington. Instruction in bookmending has been given by the Division.

Cambridge. The sum of \$400 has been added to the anonymous "fund established by a citizen of Cambridge."

Charlton. Children's Book Week was observed by an entertainment given in the Town Hall by the children. The program consisted of songs, recitations, dialogues, and a play entitled "The Magic Book." Talks were given by members of the Board of library trustees and the high school teachers.

Chatham. Under the direction of the Division instruction has been given in bookmending. The Chatham Woman's Club has a unique custom. When a member dies the Club presents a book to the public library as a memorial to her.

Chelsea. A bequest of \$1,000 comes to the library under the will of Mrs. Marguerite Guilfoyle. In the Independence Day parade the library had a float portraying the signing of the Declaration, which won first prize. The library was closed from August 15 to October 18 for extensive repairs and remodelling. A second floor of stacks has been built, wider aisles and better lighting provided, and the stack room is now open to the public. The speakers at the monthly lectures this year included John Clair Minot, Denis A. McCarthy and Professor Copeland. Two University Extension Courses, in current events and in international affairs, are being conducted in the library.

Cheshire. A gift of \$200 has been received from Mrs. Marion Davis.

Chester. The library has been recataloged and undesirable books discarded under the direction of the Division of Public Libraries.

Chilmark. A summer colony entertainment netted \$63.

Cohasset. A beginning has been made in reclassifying the library according to the Dewey Plan. The charging system has been changed to a modified Newark Plan.

Concord. The library has received \$1,000 from Mr. William H. Hunt, the income to be spent for scientific books.

Conway. Under the direction of the Division old books have been discarded.

Danvers. Library Week was observed with exhibits in store windows; a speaker at the Rotary Club; an article in the Woman's Club Bulletin; a children's entertainment; a visit from the Americanization classes with speaker.

Deerfield, South. The library now opens from 12 to 1 on Thursdays to accommodate children who ride to school.

Dennis, West. A gift of \$25 has been received from Miss C. Rodman of Wellesley; a supper netted \$130; friends contributed \$30, all for the library.

Douglas. Old books and documents have been discarded by the Field Secretary. A rearrangement of books in the reading room adds to the attractiveness of the room and makes available many books formerly in the stacks.

Dover. Mrs. Charles Jackson has given \$25 to the library.

Dracut. There are three branches to this library, in three separate neighborhoods. Two are in schools, one in the fire-engine house. The librarian takes books from the main library to these branches in her own car, often stopping on the way to leave a few at some isolated home. The circulation has increased from twenty or thirty books a day to two or three hundred. Last year over six hundred books were borrowed from the Lowell library.

- Dunstable.** A bequest received from Andrew P. Butterfield insures the library \$150 a year.
- Duxbury.** A weeding out of books of no permanent value by the Field Secretary has made available much needed space for additions.
- East Longmeadow.** A branch library has been opened in the Pleasant View School. One of the older pupils acts as librarian under the supervision of a teacher.
- Edgartown.** The Summer Library Benefit Committee presented \$386 to be used for books. \$2,000 has been received from Grace C. Fisher which added to the building fund makes \$3,000 towards a children's reading room. A prize of a ten dollar gold piece is offered to the High School pupil who reads the greatest number of worthwhile books during the year. Owing to the increase in circulation it has become necessary to enlarge the charging desk to enable both librarians to use it in the busiest hours. The library is over-crowded, although 2,000 books, most of them duplicates, have been given to the High School library, the two hospitals on the Island (Martha's Vineyard) and the Seamen's Bethel. Duplicates also have been exchanged with the Chilmark library.
- Enfield.** Appropriate exercises were held in the chapel on Tuesday evening during Children's Book Week. Two entertainments were given,—“Our Books,” by children from grade 3 and “What a Book Said” by grades 3 and 4. A talk was given on children's reading and the program closed with the awarding of certificates. Posters made by the pupils were displayed at the front of the room.
- Essex.** Under the direction of the Division the library has been recataloged, a new charging system installed, old books discarded, and instruction given in mending.
- Everett.** The Parlin Memorial Library received \$25,000 from Mr. Albert N. Parlin, at Christmas, 1925.
- Fairhaven.** In February a branch was opened in the East Fairhaven school. It is in charge of the principal and used almost wholly by the children. Plans are being made for a third branch in the recreation building of the Atlas Tack Co., Fairhaven's largest manufacturing plant. The library took the lead in co-operating with the Teachers' Association and the Mothers' Club during Children's Book Week in offering cash prizes in all the schools for compositions of 200 words or less on “What Book Does He (or She) Live In?”
- Falmouth.** The principal of the high school at Falmouth reports to the Division of Public Libraries that she awarded 155 five-book certificates and 18 honor certificates to pupils in the elementary schools of Falmouth this year. She adds that she feels that the children every year are becoming more interested in reading good books.
- North.** For the first time the town has appropriated money to the Church library.
- Woods Hole.** A play given by a group of boys netted \$400 for the library.
- Fitchburg.** The librarian reports the busiest year in the history of the library.
- Foxborough.** From the Foxborough Woman's Club \$22 has been received, and from the Parent-Teacher Association a subscription to the new magazine for parents called “Children.” The librarian reports steadily increasing use of the library for reference work and a larger proportion of reference material purchased.
- Framingham.** The following bequests have been received: \$100 from Matilda J. Trowbridge, \$1,000 from Ella A. Phillips, \$136 from Ida K. Ford. The Saxonville branch has been moved into larger quarters on the street floor and about 1,000 volumes added to their permanent collection, including a good supply of reference material.

- Freetown, Assonet.** The classed catalog has been made over into a regular dictionary catalog, old books have been discarded, and instruction in mending given under the direction of the Division of Public Libraries.
- Georgetown.** In Children's Book Week the grade receiving the largest number of state certificates was invited to come to the library with their teachers and the librarian presented their certificates adding a little talk on what good reading would do for one. The pupils from the other grades then came into the library dressed as favorite book characters. The children prepared their own costumes and showed much skill; six boys impersonating Robin Hood and his merry men won special praise for their weapons, made of wood. The long-needed shelves for reference books in the reading room have been acquired,—made possible by a special town appropriation. The librarian writes: "We find that asking the town for money for a specified need is a much more satisfactory way to all concerned than asking for a general appropriation." It should be added that this library has a large endowment and so is not wholly dependent upon the town.
- Gloucester.** A branch library was opened in Lanesville in April. A room in the Congregational Church is fitted up with reading tables, chairs and bookcases. As the children are supplied with books in the school this branch is for adults only.
- Granville.** The Division has aided by sending a bookmender to instruct in repairing.
- Groton.** The library has received \$2,000 from Mrs. John Lawrence, to be known as the John Lawrence Fund, and \$1,000 from Henry Bancroft.
- Hamilton.** A reading room has been opened in the Community House.
- Hancock.** Books have been moved into the new building, the catalog revised, old out-of-date material discarded and the library made ready for occupancy.
- Harvard.** Children's Book Week was celebrated by the addition of a large number of new juvenile books and a children's party. As a new extension service bags of books are sent each week to Still River and delivered at the houses.
- Harwich, Port.** A gift of \$600 has been received from Mrs. William Kales for the librarian's salary.
- West.* By the bequest of James H. Stetson the library received \$5,000. It also purchased his private library of 1,200 beautifully bound volumes of standard authors.
- Haverhill.** The library has received from Mrs. Mary Lovejoy, \$1,000 for the Bradford branch library, \$6,000 from Miss Elizabeth C. Ames and \$500 from Maria Gilbert Bradley. Children's Book Week, home building, and pictures of old Haverhill exhibits have been held in a vacant store in the shopping district, with a record of 1,400, 1,200 and 2,500 visitors respectively. This library issues excellent bulletins. An article in the November 1926 number listing the "Literary Prizes for 1925" and their winners was reprinted in the Wisconsin Library Bulletin for December.
- Heath.** This is one of the libraries reporting enthusiasm for the state certificate reading.
- Hopedale.** From the estate of Ruth Day Williams the library receives \$18,415 to be held in trust and the income expended by the trustees for the library. In spite of a decrease in population the circulation has increased. The reports show a gain of more than 5,000 volumes over last year.
- Hudson.** In March town meeting a special appropriation of \$1,550 was voted for repairs and alterations on the lower floor of the library building, by which a very attractive children's room has been made,

with a separate entrance. An assembly room has also been added for civic or welfare meetings. The library has received gifts of tables and chairs for the new children's room and money to conduct a series of story hours from Dr. J. S. W. Brady; fireplace fixtures from Mrs. L. D. Apsley; electric light fixtures for the children's room from the Wicou Camp-fire Girls; folding chairs for the assembly room from the Hudson Woman's Club. Story hours are held at the library one afternoon and one evening each week, conducted by a Fitchburg Normal School pupil. A meeting of trustees of neighboring libraries was held in May by invitation of the Hudson trustees. An informal discussion on library administration was led by the Hudson librarian. So much interest was shown that all favored future meetings.

Hull. The library has increased its stock of reference books for high school pupils.

Ipswich. The crowded condition of the stacks made it necessary to discard an accumulation of material no longer valuable. This was done by the Field Secretary.

Lakeville. Much needed repairing of books has been done under the direction of the Division.

Lawrence. The new branch library for which the city appropriated \$95,000 is nearly ready for occupancy. This branch is in the present center of population of the city.

Lenox. The library has received the following gifts and bequests: a grand piano made in Vienna from Charles S. Rackeman; a Gilbert Stuart portrait of Lawrence Park from William B. Osgood Field; an autograph letter of James Fenimore Cooper and a file of the New York Ledger from Mrs. Robert E. Bonner; the John Innis Kane home which adjoins the library grounds; several gifts of books and pictures. As in former years the library has held exhibitions of various kinds and opened its rooms to clubs, classes and lectures.

Leverett. The Leverett librarian has also assumed charge of the library in the adjoining town of North Amherst, devoting two afternoons and evenings to Leverett and three to North Amherst. This union was made at the suggestion of the librarian of the Jones Library, Amherst, who last year took on the North Amherst library as a branch of his own.

Longmeadow. Approximately \$58,000, representing the Colton bequests with accrued interest, is now available toward a new library building and the trustees are considering plans.

Ludlow. Although no certificates have been awarded the school pupils are reading the books and 200 titles from the state list have been added to the library.

Lunenburg. Under the will of Sarah C. Dickenson a bequest of \$500 was left to the town for the benefit of the library. The librarian reports a steadily increasing use of the library by both grade and high school pupils.

Lynn. An exhibition of children's books was opened during Children's Book Week by a meeting to which members of the Parent-Teacher Association, the Mother's Club and others known to be particularly interested in children's reading were invited. Miss Alice M. Jordan of the Boston Public Library addressed the gathering.

Staff book meetings are held every Friday morning. Each member reads and reports upon at least one book a week. When there are few new books for discussion the old fiction is read for information as well as a guide to replacement. A reading club composed of the younger assistants meets once in two weeks at the librarian's home. Modern authors are discussed. Each girl reads at least one book by the author chosen for the evening and takes her turn in having charge of a meeting.

Following its custom of the last two years a visit to the library has been part of the program for each of the Americanization, Naturalization, and Mothers' classes. The class meets in the staff room where it is easier to create an informal, question and answer sort of meeting than in the larger lecture hall. The librarian talks with the class about the library,—its use, support, and what it has for them, illustrating the last by specific books. The class is then divided into small groups, each of which is shown about the library by a member of the staff. Usually some light refreshment is served when the groups return to the staff room. Application cards are given out and members of the class allowed to register if they wish. Although only a small fraction of these people develop into regular patrons of the library, all have a better and more friendly understanding of its purpose as a result of these visits. A collection of books in easy English has been shelved near the foreign books in the Reading Room. It contains readers, arithmetics, histories of the United States, lives of our famous men and other books of like nature.

Malden. Residents of Oak Grove district are soon to have a community house. In it will be a library, operated as a branch of the Malden Public Library.

Mansfield. The Americanization class held their final meeting of the year in the library and were given a talk on the library and its privileges by one of the trustees. This was followed by a demonstration in looking up reference material and book selection and an entertainment consisting of music and readings.

Medford. The feature of Children's Book Week this year was the reproduction of "Miss Muffet's Christmas Party" written by Dr. Crothers. Miss Muffet, with the assistance of two storks and the spider, received the visitors from fairy tales and favorite books. The town crier announced the party. The guests were paper dolls, many of them hand-painted for the occasion by one of the staff.

Melrose. A room in the new school building has been furnished for the East Side branch which had outgrown its old quarters. This is another of the libraries whose building and equipment is not equal to the demands upon it.

Merrimacport. The Merrimacport Library Association received second prize for a float during the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the town.

Methuen. In the parade commemorating the two hundredth celebration of the founding of the town the library had a very attractive float.

Millbury. Under the will of Jennie M. Thompson the town receives \$1,000 for the use of the library.

Milton. An anonymous and unrestricted gift of \$1,000 has been received. Instruction in the use of the library to pupils of the 9th grade has been resumed and 170 pupils have been to the library for three lessons. On Memorial Day the Woman's Relief Corps presented the library with a flag pole and two flags. A more satisfactory service has been established in the Milton hospital. Large signs have been placed in each private room and in the wards, calling attention to the library deposit. An annotated list of this deposit is multigraphed each month; these lists are taken each morning to the patients by the hospital secretary.

Montague, Millers Falls. The library has been moved into larger and more convenient quarters and an extra appropriation from the town was granted for the expenses of moving. The trustees report that they can give much better service in this new location.

Natick. The library has received \$2,000 for the building fund as a gift from the Walnut Hill School.

Needham. The records and charter of the local G.A.R. Post have been deposited in the library. The librarian writes a weekly article on books for one of the local newspapers under the heading "The Library Corner." She is also starting a collection of "librarianiana"—books on library matters. A glassed-in case has been built into the children's room to display beautiful editions and illustrated books.

New Bedford. The new South Branch has been opened. The building and equipment cost about \$50,000.

Newbury. For some years Massachusetts has had a library in every town but one. Now it boasts one hundred per cent complete. A library was opened in the village of Byfield, Newbury, in September. Its inception is owing largely to the vision and zeal of a new minister, the Rev. Floyd Morris, who secured the use of a large hall over a grain store and contributions of tables and chairs, books and pictures from interested townspeople. The Division of Public Libraries helped, gifts of money and books were received from people outside the town (Miss Sohier gave fifty dollars' worth of books,—her last library gift before her death), and the library is now an accomplished fact.

Newton. The West Newton Branch is completed and was presented to the city by the citizens of West Newton in September. The building and grounds are valued at \$60,000; the city appropriated \$2,600 for furniture and \$1,000 for new books. Newton Centre citizens have raised more than three-fourths of the \$60,000 for their branch, and the site has been purchased. An architect is at work now on plans for the Auburndale branch and ground may be broken soon.

North Adams. One hundred children and their parents attended a party at the library in Children's Book Week. A short address on "The Meaning of Book Week" was followed by readings and story-telling, and a play called "Story Terrace" which was presented by some of the young people. Prizes to the children who had seen the greatest number of birds in the spring contest and National and State reading certificates were then awarded. At the close of the party copies of the "Bookshelf for Boys and Girls" were distributed. The "Reading With a Purpose" series are very successful here; between 75 and 100 have been sold and as many more circulated. The books mentioned in these monographs are in constant demand. The circulation for 1926 was the largest in the history of the library, and showed increase in every department.

Northborough. On recommendation of the Field Secretary much material of no permanent value was discarded.

Northbridge. The Whitinsville Social Library has received a bequest of \$2,500 from Miss Annie L. Whitin. The librarian visited the evening classes for the adult foreign-born and invited them and their teachers to the library. Coming in a group the sense of shyness in a strange place was lost and they were much interested in the books and the borrowers' cards. The two continuation schools also were brought to the library, shown how to draw books and use the catalog.

North Attleboro. Open shelves and weekly story hours have been inaugurated.

Norwell, Accord. This smallest library building in the state has had electric lights installed. This library and the South Hingham Social Library were the subjects of an illustrated "feature" article in the Boston Sunday Herald. By the bequest of Mrs. Annabel Wakefield the library is to receive \$100, unrestricted.

Otis. Old books have been discarded and the catalog revised under the direction of the Division of Public Libraries.

Oxford. A gift of \$1,000 has been received from David N. Taft to be known as the Maud R. Taft Fund,—the income to be used for books. The librarian reports 117 new readers registered. Special attention is given to building up library service to the Junior High School.

Palmer. The branch library at Three Rivers was burned in April. New quarters were secured immediately and books have been donated from interested friends and libraries of the state.

Paxton. By will of George L. Bigelow of Worcester the library is to receive \$500 for the purchase of books. The new Richards Memorial Library was opened in September. The books from the old town library were moved into the new building with the assistance of the Field Secretary of the Division of Public Libraries. This building is the gift of Mr. Ellis G. Richards of New York, who is also carrying for the present all expenses for its maintenance with the exception of an appropriation of \$500 from the town.

Peabody. The B.P.O.E. local lodge and the Woman's Club each has given the library \$25 to be used for the purchase of children's books. For the first time in its history the library celebrated Children's Book Week. New books and attractive editions were displayed and the school children voted by grades for their favorite books. The boys and girls in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades competed in a book-plate contest, the artistic value and technique of which were notable. Four prizes of books were awarded the winners. The book-plates submitted were on exhibition all the week in the children's room. More than 130 adults visited the library during the week, 133 new registrations were received and 100 books a day were added to the general circulation as a result of the exhibitions.

Pittsfield. A second floor has been added to the library which provides a 40,000 volume book-stack costing \$12,500. This library allows high school pupils and adults from six neighboring towns to draw books; the Division of Public Libraries pays the Library a small sum each year to cover the cost to the smallest towns.

Plymouth. The library received a bequest of \$10,000 from Miss Anne Appleton, for years a director and always much interested in the library, and \$500 as a gift from Miss Ellen Watson, long associated with Miss Appleton. In June honor certificates were presented to the school children by the Field Secretary. In Knapp School the children participated in a book pageant, at Hedge School they gave a pantomime.

Quincy. The tenth branch of the Quincy library system was opened in December. This is the Montclair Branch, occupying a room with separate street entrances in the new Montclair Improvement Association Community Building. This room was planned for the library and has shelving for 3,500 books and accommodations for twenty-four readers. As a tribute to the former librarian who resigned in January the new Quincy Point library is named the Truman R. Temple Branch. Doctors, nurses and patients pay tribute to the quality and value of the library service to the city hospital; 5,468 books were lent last year and bed-side service carried on.

Randolph. Sufficient funds have been secured by the Randolph Ladies' Library Association to pay off the mortgage on the Turner Free Library and have a balance. The mortgage was burned at the annual meeting May 25.

Reading. On September 30 the Public Library opened a new children's room in the room that had previously been used as a lecture hall. Although a half basement room, it is on the south side, so gets

plenty of sun, and with drapery curtains, pictures and flowering plants makes a very attractive place. As the Reading High School has no school library, the high school scholars have been crowding the reading room on the main floor almost to the complete exclusion of older readers. It is now planned to reserve for the use of readers over high school age the room made vacant by moving the children.

Rockland. A gift of \$500 has been received from Mary A. Spence.

Rockport. The necessity of disposing of out-of-date material to make more space available was so keenly felt that the Division responded to the appeal for aid and many books were discarded.

Royalston. The soldiers' bonus money refunded from the state was used to furnish the historical room.

Sandisfield. Old books have been discarded by the Division and the new library put into shape to open to the public.

Sandwich. \$3,000 has been received from Mary Isabelle Freeman, the interest to be used for books.

Saugus. The Clifftondale branch has been moved into an attractive room in the basement of the new Sweetser School. The main library is buying a good collection of books recommended by the heads of the various departments of the high school for the reference shelves.

Scituate, North. Aid in bookmending and discarding has been given by the Division.

Shelburne Falls. Much out-of-date material has been discarded by the Field Secretary.

Shirley. The classification of the biography has been revised and bookmending done under the direction of the Division.

Somerville. Upon urgent pleas by the trustees and librarian, the city government granted to the Union Square Branch a special appropriation of \$2,100 in addition to its regular budget item of \$1,400 for book purchase, making a total of \$3,500 to be used for the replenishment of its badly depleted shelves and the replacement of worn, soiled and superseded books. The renewal of the book collection has been followed by a marked increase in the use of the branch. As a result of a careful and detailed study of the cost of living in Somerville and the presentation of its very convincing conclusions to the Mayor, the salary schedule was revised with substantial increases for a majority of positions.

South Hadley. The Gaylord Memorial Library has recently received two gifts: Mr. Henry E. Gaylord of South Hadley Falls, President of the Board of Trustees, has given \$1,000 in the form of a bank book. Mrs. Mary W. Smith has given \$1,000 in the form of a 99 year bond. Miss Ray of the Holyoke library told stories in the South Hadley library one afternoon to children of grades 2 to 5 and in the Woodlawn School the next afternoon.

Southbridge. The bequest of Robert Edwards reported in 1925 totaled \$50,000. The Rev. Harry L. Brickett has willed several hundred up-to-date and worthwhile books to the library. Once more Sunday opening during the winter months is being tried.

Southwick. The library has received \$100 from the estate of Charles J. Root, one of the first trustees, to be used for a memorial window. The children in this little town are much interested in the state certificate reading. An exhibition of drawings made by pupils of the public schools proved very attractive.

Springfield. Subscriptions have been received to build the Pynchon Memorial Building, now half completed, to cost \$120,000. This is

to house the collections of the Connecticut Valley Historical Society which has united with the City Library Association. The sum of \$6,000 has been received from the Catharine L. Howard Memorial Library to endow the scientific library in the Museum of Natural History. The income from the \$600 endowment from the late Robert O. Morris is received for the maintenance of the Museum of Natural History.

Sterling. New reading tables, chairs and charging desk have been purchased. The books have been rearranged, old books discarded and bookmending done under the direction of the Division.

Stow. A small addition has been made to the library building.

Swansea. A bequest of \$2,000 was received from Joseph G. Luther and a gift of \$50 to aid in printing the fall bulletin from Mary A. Case.

Tyringham. A very successful reading club was held during the winter, following the A.L.A. "Reading With a Purpose" outline of "Some Great American Books" by Dallas Lore Sharp.

Uxbridge. The library published the Proceedings of its Fiftieth Anniversary, which consisted of papers giving a complete history of Uxbridge libraries. Numerous additions have been made to the music collection, which is kept supplied with new piano and vocal music by the Mrs. Sarah C. Downes Fund.

Wakefield. Mr. Lucius Beebe has given the library \$1,000 in memory of his father, Charles Beebe; the Mothers' Club has given \$10. A music collection has been started, deposits made in classrooms in two schools and an Italian club house. A book mark contest was the main feature of Children's Book Week; the two winners received prizes from the Kosmos Club.

Walpole. Since October the librarian has had a teacher from the Junior High school on duty at the library the two busiest evenings each week. The teacher is on hand to help the children with their reference work, or to choose books, etc. Her routine work is always dropped when she is needed, and she has proved to be needed about all the time each evening. Due to her personality, and some little library training, she fits in admirably, and besides helping the library to give better service on busy nights, she is linking the school and library more closely together. The arrangement, purely trial at first, is now a fixed matter.

Waltham. A bequest of \$1,000 has been received from Mrs. Sumner Milton in memory of Lorenzo Haynes the first librarian. The public library now has extension service in the Waltham Hospital. The hospital furnishes transportation twice a week for a library assistant and books which are taken directly to the patients.

Ware. The library holds a series of "book hours" every other Wednesday to acquaint those interested with the better books, old and new. This is one of the towns in which schools and library unite in stressing the certificate reading. Through the interest of Supt. of Schools Reilly it became a requirement last year that every child in Grade 9 who did not take Latin should, as a part of his work in English, secure one honor certificate. This year every child in the Junior High School was required to secure at least one reading certificate for five books as a part of his course in English. The Social Science Club has organized a committee of women who will examine the children on their reading. The Superintendent states that the certificate reading has done a tremendous amount of good among the children both of English-speaking and non-English-speaking homes.

Watertown. The new East Branch library is nearly finished. It will

be one of the most attractive and best planned small libraries in the state. The town appropriated \$43,500 to build and furnish this library. The salaries of all the staff have been increased.

Webster. Lessons on the use of the library are being given to the Junior Class of the High School. The librarian gives two mornings a week to this work.

West Bridgewater. The librarian reports new shelves added especially for the State Certificate Reading Books, of which the library owns practically all. Shelf room has also been added in the Children's Corner, and a small room is devoted to books for girls. The Division has aided in discarding old books.

West Springfield. By the will of Henry D. Colton the library has received a gift of genealogical and historical books, notes and manuscripts, together with a card index, of the early settlers of the town and their descendants. A branch library is opened in Neighborhood House, taking the place, in part, of the branch formerly in the Main Street School which was discontinued two years ago because the school needed the room. For four consecutive years in September, a flower show has been conducted in the library under the direction of a garden enthusiast. About 80 people sent in specimens and arrangements of flowers from local gardens. The whole main floor of the building was given over to the exhibition. It is estimated that between 1,000 and 1,200 visitors came during the two days. The purpose of the Flower Show is an educational one and also to increase the interest of townspeople in flowers and flower gardens.

Westborough. A story hour is held in the library Saturday afternoons for grade school pupils. This is provided for by the Woman's Club.

Westfield. The new library is nearly ready for occupancy.

Westhampton. The town has received a bequest of \$10,000 under the will of Clark Thayer, to be used for a memorial library called the Thayer-Edwards Library.

Westminster. The library will eventually receive \$1,000 from the estate of Mrs. Susan H. Miller of Newton to be paid upon the death of the direct legatee.

Westwood. The discarding of old material by the Field Secretary has helped for the present to solve the problem of more space.

Whitman. A collection of silver coins from Mr. Charles H. Poole supplements his previous gifts of paper money used during the Civil War and a collection of pennies. Vacation reading club diplomas were given to 25 children for reading ten books each.

Wilmington. Out-of-date books have been discarded and books worth repairing have been mended under the direction of the Division.

Winchester. From the estate of the Honorable Fred Joy the library receives \$2,000 to be known as the Albion K. P. Joy Library Fund. The income is to be used for books in history, travel and science. At the March town meeting a committee was appointed to consider a new library building.

Winthrop. The partition between the reference and the reading room has been removed. This gives more space to the latter room and an easier supervision from the desk.

Worcester. More than 200 Japanese prints and an exhibition case have been presented to the library by Miss Jeanie Lea Southwick. Several interesting exhibits have been held at the library, among them that of the last fifty years of library development. Prizes have been offered to school pupils writing the best essay on the need of a new library building at Worcester. Nearly 300 essays have been

received. The school librarian reports that over 300 classrooms were served last year from headquarters, with a circulation of 160,000. A band of "school librarians" has been organized, pupils who accept the responsibility, meet with the head of the department for discussion of methods, discipline, fines, lost books etc., and give eager and efficient service. This plan follows that inaugurated at Haverhill and described at a meeting in Worcester by one of the staff of the Division of Public Libraries.

Yarmouth, Port. The library has received \$500 for the purchase of books under the will of Mrs. Jennie Waters of Salem, and \$500 from the estate of Fred E. Howes.

South. The library has been moved to the other end of the town and it now occupies the second floor of a charming old house rented by the Woman's Club. The large front room contains the fiction and the librarian's desk and the back room the non-fiction and reading tables, while a little room connecting both is devoted to the children. Everyone helped the new venture in some way, either by painting, carpentering, moving the books by truck and private car, hoisting them to the second story by block and tackle, washing windows, or by giving rugs, flowers, curtains, etc. To Miss Annie S. Crowell, President of the Library Association, is due special credit for this charming new library.

APPENDIX II

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC

[NOTE — The following statistics are taken from reports sent in by the libraries and in the majority of are abbreviations for Free Public Library. The figures after the name of the library indicate: Field Secretary, expenses of librarian paid to a library institute. 2. Loan collections of foreign books, parentheses denote the total number of certificates awarded.]

	LIBRARY.	Librarian.	Population 1925.	Valuation.
1	†Abington P. L.	Ida H. McKenney	5,882	\$5,204,818
2	North Abington 1, 2	Mrs. M. G. McDougall	—	—
3	*Acton Mem. L.	Arthur F. Davis	2,387	3,442,561
4	S. Acton Impr. Assoc. 1	Mrs. C. Esther Edney	—	—
5	W. Acton: Citizens L. Assoc.	Mrs. Ida M. Costello	—	—
6	Acushnet F. P. L. (R.F.D. 1, New Bedford)	Emma L. White	4,135	3,869,317
7	Adams F. L. 2	Mrs. Eliz. H. Furst	13,525	14,644,775
8	Agawam F. P. L. 3 (116)	Mrs. Arthur Rudman	6,290	8,609,819
9	Alford F. Town L. (R.F.D. Gt. Barrington) 1	Mrs. Rachel E. Ploss	221	226,787
10	Amesbury P. L. 2, 3 (499)	Alice C. Follansbee	11,229	11,284,407
11	Amherst: Jones L. 1, 2	Charles R. Green	5,972	8,862,945
12	Andover: Mem. Hall L. 3 (55)	Edna A. Brown	10,291	17,539,773
13	Arlington: Robbins L. 2, 3	Frances Hubbert, Assoc. L.	24,943	48,195,850
14	Ashburnham: Stevens P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Evelyn Crandall	2,159	1,667,868
15	Ashby P. L. 1, 3	Mrs. Florence Pope	907	956,850
16	Ashfield: Belding Mem. L. 1, 3 (31)	Mrs. May G. Boice	919	1,264,037
17	Ashland F. P. L.	Mrs. Grace S. Bragg	2,521	2,363,030
18	Athol P. L. 1	Gladys C. Greene	9,602	10,249,205
19	ATTLEBORO P. L. 1, 2, 3 (144)	Mrs. L. F. Spofford	20,623	23,775,575
20	Auburn F. P. L. 3 (30)	Abby B. Shute	4,927	5,093,950
21	Avon F. P. L.	Mrs. Celia J. Damon	2,360	1,809,300
22	Ayer P. L. 1, 2, 3 (68)	Mrs. Jennie McLean	3,032	3,637,200
23	†Barnstable: Sturgis L.	Elizabeth C. Nye	5,774	18,218,710
24	Centerville P. L. Assoc. 1	Isabelle C. Childs	—	—
25	Cotuit P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Frank L. Handy	—	—
26	Hyannis F. P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Ora A. Hinckley	—	—
27	Marston Mills P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Caroline Coleman	—	—
28	Osterville F. L. 2	Katharine Hinckley	—	—
29	W. Barnstable: Whelden Mem. L.	Carrie P. Bursley	—	—
30	Barre Town L. 3 (7)	Carrie E. Read	3,329	3,353,756
31	Becket Athenaeum 1	H. Fannie Prentice	778	844,700
32	Bedford F. P. L. 1	Clara H. Hartwell	1,514	2,619,447
33	Belchertown: Clapp Mem. L. 1, 2, 3 (72)	Mrs. Doris Squires	2,905	1,468,489
34	Bellingham F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Marie P. Cooke	2,877	2,476,197
35	Belmont P. L.	Lucy D. Luard	15,256	28,990,040
36	Berkley P. L. (RFD Taunton) 1	Mrs. Florence Williams	1,118	936,935
37	Berlin F. P. L. 1, 3	Mrs. Helen Sawyer	1,071	1,026,135
38	Bernardston: Cushman L. 3	Ellen S. Birks	844	764,393
39	BEVERLY P. L. 2, 3 (1,075)	Marjorie Stanton	22,685	46,454,400
40	Billerica: Bennett P. L. 3 (27)	Mrs. Mary A. B. Snell	4,913	9,225,698
41	Blackstone F. P. L.	Peter F. Maloney	4,802	2,540,207
42	Blandford: Porter Mem. L. 1, 3	Mrs. F. E. deBraul	437	884,051
43	Bolton P. L. 1	Fidelia C. Newton	801	1,111,682
44	BOSTON P. L.	Charles F. D. Belden, Director	779,620	1,898,054,900
45	†Bourne: Jonathan Bourne P. L. 3	Mrs. W. C. McDermott	3,015	8,436,649
46	Boxborough F. P. L. (RFD West Acton) 1, 3 (9)	Mrs. Mabel P. Robbins	333	364,676
47	Boxford P. L. 1, 3 (42)	Bertha Perley	581	1,082,151
48	West Boxford P. L. 1	Nellie Spofford	—	—
49	Boylston P. L.	George L. Wright	970	842,257
50	Braintree: Thayer P. L. (So. Braintree) 1, 3	Alice Holbrook	13,193	18,475,352
51	Brewster: Ladies L. 1	Mrs. Louis Crocker	774	1,737,486
52	†East Brewster L.	Lydia F. Ellis	—	—
53	Bridgewater P. L. 1, 2, 3 (86)	Edith M. Ames	9,468	5,340,192
54	Brimfield P. L. 1	M. Anna Tarbell	840	1,147,250
55	BROCKTON P. L. 3 (2,554)	Harold A. Wooster	65,343	72,610,050
56	Brookfield: Merrick P. L. 2	Mrs. C. O. Dean	1,401	1,312,369
57	Brookline P. L. 2	Louisa M. Hooper	42,681	149,351,500
58	Buckland F. P. L.	Grace E. Gould	1,555	2,709,097
59	Burlington F. P. L. (RFD Woburn) 1	Mrs. Nettie R. Foster	1,431	2,204,687
60	*CAMBRIDGE P. L. 3 (49)	Leo R. Etzkorn	119,669	173,548,500
61	Canton P. L.	Gertrude C. Ryan	5,896	8,571,770

* 1925 figures.

† No report.

APPENDIX II

LIBRARIES IN MASSACHUSETTS

cases cover the year 1926. Names of towns in parentheses denote postoffice addresses. Letters F.P.L. 1. Libraries aided in the form of gifts of books and periodicals, cataloging, bookmending, visits from the visits from the Secretary for Work with Foreigners. 3. Using state reading certificates. Numbers in

Branches.	Deposits.	Hours open per Week.	Circulation.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Total Income.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Services.	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	4	15	27,600	\$2,066.07	\$2,329 07	\$318 39	\$1,011 96	2
-	3	14	9,934	900 00	1,347 87	590 34	419 03	3
-	-	11	-	-	37 05	32 69	-	4
-	-	1½	-	-	-	-	52 00	5
1	-	9	13,963	1,038 45	1,046 74	530 70	415 78	6
3	8	38	90,812	10,000 00	10,924 21	2,007 57	6,492 84	7
-	56	10	13,199	490 80	1,545 14	470 27	492 40	8
-	-	6	585	76 94	76 94	16 45	50 00	9
-	-	31	50,301	6,335 34	8,190 08	1,160 96	3,434 00	10
1	8	64½	84,284	-	42,954 30	4,426 82	11,596 00	11
1	6	57	52,937	5,843 16	9,867 76	1,541 01	6,005 22	12
2	-	66	119,744	14,441 97	17,934 34	3,742 28	11,159 80	13
1	3	13	13,357	825 00	1,225 41	659 46	453 25	14
-	-	10	3,262	700 00	700 00	168 15	300 00	15
-	-	15	9,242	200 00	1,491 79	294 48	600 00	16
-	-	21	12,893	1,500 00	1,500 00	433 75	619 00	17
-	-	44	51,926	6,100 00	6,100 00	1,483 26	3,613 41	18
4	9	72	138,549	15,775 00	16,304 18	2,778 57	8,364 08	19
1	1	13	9,025	1,400 00	1,561 55	421 01	707 95	20
-	-	6½	19,544	820 85	820 85	451 72	338 00	21
-	-	18	13,254	2,000 00	2,582 16	555 30	876 00	22
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
-	-	7	3,169	125 00	251 30	134 38	75 00	24
-	-	10	7,004	130 00	1,173 22	160 19	357 70	25
-	-	22	18,166	300 00	1,891 48	481 36	538 18	26
-	-	5	6,000	100 00	338 83	68 65	66 00	27
-	-	24	11,967	175 00	2,487 22	367 41	658 36	28
-	-	3	1,558	75 00	244 00	54 75	60 00	29
2	-	27½	20,187	1,300 00	3,753 93	663 03	2,001 00	30
-	6	8	2,461	200 00	250 00	72 83	90 00	31
-	-	7	12,587	-	872 78	520 62	325 00	32
-	-	9½	8,501	530 06	802 63	115 40	405 37	33
4	-	6	6,455	500 00	500 00	256 18	100 00	34
1	8	58	73,529	11,800 00	11,800 00	1,888 40	7,451 40	35
-	1	6	1,724	500 00	500 00	76 51	246 00	36
1	4	6	3,548	373 65	442 02	221 67	177 00	37
-	-	11½	12,073	-	1,103 09	443 01	363 32	38
1	23	72	195,241	23,382 89	27,839 73	6,101 13	14,698 21	39
-	3	15	19,791	600 00	1,568 08	306 91	602 30	40
-	1	8	11,648	500 00	500 00	269 00	200 00	41
1	10	7½	6,077	300 00	410 68	76 01	222 50	42
-	-	10	3,272	923 00	923 00	118 58	343 55	43
31	306	88	3,499,137	1,000,981 00	1,109,086 00	145,161 92	679,605 17	44
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
-	-	5½	2,313	144 47	150 32	81 70	26 00	46
-	-	3	2,037	117 53	304 19	161 00	50 00	47
-	-	2	1,263	117 54	117 54	59 23	25 00	48
-	-	14	5,545	1,081 27	1,961 68	321 69	503 90	49
1	-	29½	38,123	4,500 00	6,249 17	2,075 02	2,614 46	50
-	-	6	4,661	200 00	431 75	225 01	234 30	51
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52
-	6	30	41,963	3,500 00	4,300 00	958 18	2,194 65	53
-	2	9	8,400	726 55	1,111 52	203 77	338 58	54
2	95	78	327,635	35,838 80	35,861 30	7,374 10	19,397 54	55
-	-	27	17,680	2,400 00	2,988 63	595 95	638 00	56
4	126	82	338,627	63,800 00	66,248 79	10,722 60	44,725 70	57
-	-	6	2,675	300 00	382 08	53 97	111 00	58
-	-	14	4,313	500 00	500 00	100 00	240 00	59
5	27	79	427,045	71,390 00	75,196 33	13,223 93	46,753 71	60
-	1	54	48,140	4,500 00	4,932 07	745 99	2,500 00	61

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	LIBRARY.	Librarian.	Population 1925.	Valuation.
62	Carlisle: Gleason P. L. 1	Mrs. Mary A. Green	510	\$700,826
63	Carver P. L. 1, 3 (12)	Mrs. Viola B. Hidden	1,306	2,836,630
64	Charlemont F. Town L. 1, 2, 3	Ruth Rice	820	1,070,220
65	Charlton F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Ellen M. Robbins	2,295	1,722,885
66	Chatham: Eldredge P. L. 1	Edna M. Hardy	1,741	4,929,810
67	†So. Chatham: Pilgrim L.	L. Eugenie Eldridge	-	-
68	Chelmsford: Adams L. 1, 3	Mrs. Ida Jeffs	6,573	7,564,805
69	No. Chelmsford L.	Eva M. Wheeler	-	-
70	†CHELSEA P. L.	Esther C. Johnson	47,247	53,624,950
71	Cheshire L. Assoc. 1	Emma E. Martin	1,842	1,239,524
72	Chester: Hamilton Mem. L. 1, 3	Mrs. Maria L. Ripley	1,514	1,287,420
73	Chester Center L. Assoc.	Mrs. Harry Bromley	-	-
74	Chesterfield Town L. 1, 3	C. M. Drake	445	491,514
75	CHICOPEE P. L. 3 (510)	Anne A. Smith	41,882	51,470,170
76	Chilmark F. P. L. 1, 3 (4)	Mrs. Myron Vincent	240	503,228
77	Clarksburg Town L. (RFD No. Adams) 1, 2, 3 (17)	Ruth Lyman	1,222	684,430
78	Clinton: Bigelow F. P. L. 2, 3 (6)	Helen A. Thissell	14,180	16,415,844
79	Cohasset: Paul Pratt Mem. L. 1, 2	Hazel Randall	2,913	10,226,757
80	Nantasket L. (No. Cohasset)	Alice E. Burr	-	-
81	Colrain: Griswold Mem. L. 1, 3	Bertha L. Read	1,562	1,361,357
82	Concord F. P. L. 2, 3	Sarah R. Bartlett	7,056	8,298,512
83	Conway: Field Mem. L. 1, 3 (4)	Mrs. Lulu M. Ralston	931	977,463
84	Cummington: Bryant F. L. 1	Mrs. A. H. Morey	508	469,435
85	Dalton F. P. L. 3 (38)	-	4,092	5,510,025
86	Dana F. P. L. 1	Nellie I. Shattuck	657	741,498
87	North Dana F. P. L. 1	Grace A. Haskins	-	-
88	Danvers: Peabody Inst. L. 2, 3 (84)	Bessie P. Ropes	11,798	11,677,775
89	Dartmouth F. P. L.	Mary A. Tucker	9,026	12,136,100
90	No. Dartmouth F. P. L. 1	Alice W. Gidley	-	-
91	†So. Dartmouth: Apponegansett L. 1	Mrs. Alice D. Myers	-	-
92	So. Dartmouth: Southworth L.	Theodosia P. Chase	-	-
93	Dedham P. L.	Anna P. Rolland	13,918	20,861,625
94	Deerfield: Dickinson L. 1	Jane Pratt	2,968	4,644,700
95	*So. Deerfield: Tilton L. 1, 2, 3 (56)	Mrs. Ellen Billings	-	-
96	Dennis: Mem. L. Assoc.	Mrs. B. C. Hall	1,749	2,582,290
97	East Dennis: Jacob Sears Mem. L.	Mrs. B. N. Kelley	-	-
98	†South Dennis L.	Alice S. Thacher	-	-
99	West Dennis F. P. L.	Mrs. Louise Darling	-	-
100	Dighton P. L. 2	Mrs. Lydia J. Cole	3,208	4,029,010
101	Douglas: Simon Fairfield P. L. (East Douglas) 1, 2, 3 (6)	Rosalie E. Williams	2,363	1,827,759
102	Dover Town L.	Emily E. Chickering	1,044	3,435,373
103	Draut: Moses Greeley Parker L. 1	Mrs. Harriet L. Cotter	6,400	3,974,266
104	Dudley F. P. L. (RFD Webster)	Margaret Crawford	4,594	3,609,025
105	Conant Library	Mrs. George A. Gould	-	-
106	Dunstable F. P. L. 1, 3 (2)	Mrs. Lizzie Swallow	338	425,071
107	Duxbury F. L. 1	Sara B. Higgins	1,688	6,049,757
108	East Bridgewater P. L.	Lucy L. Siddall	3,538	4,481,661
109	East Brookfield P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Leslie Durgin	929	1,057,980
110	East Longmeadow P. L.	Mary R. McIntosh	3,134	3,427,275
111	*Eastham P. L.	Mrs. Blanche A. Keefe	494	1,070,770
112	Easthampton P. L. Assoc. 2	Emma H. Parsons	11,587	14,562,586
113	Easton: Ames F. L. (No. Easton) 2, 3 (58)	Mary L. Lamprey	5,333	5,240,170
114	Edgartown F. P. L. 3 (120)	Mrs. L. L. Wimpenny	1,235	3,269,950
115	†Egremont F. L. (So. Egremont) 1, 3 (102)	Mrs. Jennie Benjamin	477	803,387
116	Enfield L. Assoc. 1, 3 (102)	Mrs. Chas. M. Downing	749	828,200
117	Erving F. P. L.	Mrs. Lilla L. Brown	1,334	2,245,278
118	Essex: T. O. H. P. Burnham P. L. 1	Mrs. Seola F. Perkins	1,403	1,532,332
119	EVERETT: Frederick E. Parlin Mem. L. 3 (29)	Georgia W. Rathbone	42,072	60,113,250
120	No. Everett: Shute Mem. L.	Mrs. Gertrude S. MacAdam	-	-
121	Fairhaven: Millicent L.	Louis Felix Ranlett	10,827	11,799,280
122	FALL RIVER P. L. 3 (207)	T. Harrison Cummings	128,993	214,087,050
123	Falmouth F. P. L. 3	Ida E. Kershaw	4,694	18,495,935
124	No. Falmouth Church L. 1	Mrs. Mabelle Shattuck	-	-
125	†Waquoit L.	Mrs. William A. Hatch	-	-
126	West Falmouth L.	Albert S. Bowerman	-	-
127	Woods Hole P. L.	Mrs. Ernest Rohmeling	-	-
128	FITCHBURG P. L. 2	George E. Nutting	43,609	62,572,050
129	†Florida F. P. L. (Hoosac Tunnel) 2	-	362	1,896,723
130	Foxborough: Boyden P. L. 1, 3 (14)	Ida F. Carpenter	4,934	4,358,686
131	Framingham Town L. 2, 3 (118)	Edith B. Hayes	21,078	29,456,932
132	Franklin L. Assoc.	Miss M. R. Daniels	7,055	8,622,605
133	Freetown: Guilford H. Hathaway L. (Assonet) 1	Addie M. Wing	1,663	1,606,250
134	E. Freetown Circulat. L. 1, 3 (9)	Mrs. Rachel A. Allen	-	-

* 1925 figures.

† No report.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Continued.*

Branches.	Deposits.	Hours open per Week.	Circulation.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Total Income.	Books and and Periodicals.	Salaries and Services.	
-	-	4½	2,770	\$575 68	\$575 68	\$125 69	\$156 25	62
-	-	8	3,909	200 00	314 25	148 40	150 00	63
-	-	8	5,882	200 00	267 88	108 69	100 00	64
-	-	10½	6,950	325 00	527 85	127 11	175 00	65
-	-	18	15,296	1,000 00	2,261 72	397 77	899 25	66
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67
-	-	18	13,329	2,009 79	2,009 79	757 24	559 15	68
-	-	5	13,452	1,200 00	1,200 00	331 42	415 92	69
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
-	-	12	8,979	171 13	561 35	328 48	180 00	71
-	-	8½	8,874	600 00	693 06	185 05	280 00	72
-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	73
1	2	1	1,500	184 59	184 59	141 19	40 00	74
4	-	48	189,656	22,000 00	22,200 00	6,501 02	8,212 49	75
-	-	7	2,144	119 79	202 34	106 18	50 00	76
3	-	2	3,640	50 00	50 00	50 00	-	77
-	-	72	63,821	11,000 00	11,000 00	1,002 17	7,933 42	78
1	-	39	23,362	4,300 00	6,464 95	1,313 15	3,197 74	79
-	-	10	3,026	1,050 00	1,609 51	282 82	588 00	80
-	9	9½	5,757	300 00	2,048 12	304 15	307 00	81
1	-	72	84,102	10,287 64	16,816 97	3,069 82	7,957 54	82
-	2	36	7,553	-	3,543 98	387 54	1,792 11	83
-	-	8	1,069	117 00	117 00	102 50	-	84
-	3	36	34,375	3,873 25	4,304 37	1,073 29	2,584 90	85
-	-	3	2,357	177 05	179 72	103 98	65 00	86
-	-	3	4,225	177 05	187 73	116 66	65 00	87
-	-	42	45,690	4,999 21	11,966 29	1,446 44	4,708 65	88
-	-	4	3,700	525 00	529 34	300 09	118 49	89
-	3	10	11,154	700 00	700 00	350 00	200 00	90
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91
-	-	17	13,515	1,000 00	1,216 52	261 00	530 00	92
2	9	42	83,008	15,847 72	17,556 26	3,150 97	8,682 76	93
-	2	6	4,779	200 00	294 57	253 31	209 60	94
-	6	9	20,260	1,000 00	1,186 25	574 29	617 70	95
-	-	2	3,116	100 00	153 15	39 10	-	96
-	-	2	1,030	100 00	234 64	146 64	50 00	97
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98
-	-	2	3,900	100 00	330 74	270 74	50 00	99
-	-	14	10,349	1,100 00	1,100 00	437 95	509 35	100
-	2	27½	17,506	1,160 18	1,764 71	402 30	772 00	101
-	-	12	7,907	1,000 00	1,000 00	521 48	314 60	102
3	-	16	52,605	2,500 00	2,500 00	817 56	1,172 00	103
-	-	12	16,454	1,200 00	1,200 00	674 91	400 00	104
-	-	8	-	-	-	-	350 00	105
-	2	3½	2,120	215 60	375 51	135 14	75 00	106
-	8	21	15,500	1,500 00	6,781 40	1,011 89	1,901 25	107
-	2	20	19,579	2,747 00	2,949 00	-	1,220 00	108
1	-	9	11,011	800 00	800 00	275 27	318 00	109
-	1	7	8,791	878 08	910 08	483 69	231 26	110
2	-	12	7,565	25 00	765 00	286 18	272 80	111
-	10	54	76,103	4,750 00	5,939 01	1,858 59	3,091 96	112
-	-	36	23,626	-	6,949 80	1,249 59	1,690 43	113
-	-	15	14,781	1,600 00	2,194 36	1,031 67	713 90	114
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	115
-	2	4½	8,363	218 05	483 55	175 88	177 00	116
1	1	2	7,000	725 00	725 00	570 00	120 00	117
-	-	8	11,809	-	941 88	313 73	365 50	118
-	2	66	141,486	20,012 12	21,833 90	3,658 36	11,108 75	119
-	-	48	73,478	9,140 00	9,140 00	2,599 97	4,540 00	120
3	6	84	93,966	-	13,853 91	2,842 73	6,994 70	121
3	153	72	510,782	76,797 57	95,294 57	14,046 00	54,936 44	122
2	-	27	16,049	3,978 50	4,055 77	793 37	2,089 70	123
-	-	3	900	200 00	200 00	17 60	100 00	124
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	125
-	-	4	2,019	200 00	603 75	103 94	124 90	126
-	-	6	8,811	250 00	860 65	228 30	378 25	127
-	30	75½	104,510	15,830 00	16,434 23	3,985 31	9,469 25	128
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	129
-	-	28	19,917	1,900 00	2,719 70	356 63	1,214 00	130
4	68	42	138,871	19,247 46	24,061 95	6,172 95	11,942 38	131
-	-	33	12,874	1,500 00	1,813 07	715 39	1,020 00	132
-	-	8	1,080	125 00	410 72	82 57	79 00	133
-	-	24	-	75 00	75 00	46 00	-	134

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	LIBRARY.	Librarian.	Population 1925.	Valuation.
135	GARDNER: Levi Heywood Mem. L. 2	Barbara H. Smith	18,730	\$23,267,654
136	†Gay Head P. L. 1	Sidney C. Neff	168	102,785
137	Georgetown: Peabody L. 1, 3 (50)	Lois P. Noyes	1,888	1,858,579
138	Gill: Prentice Slate Mem. L. (RFD Bernardston)	Mrs. Helen M. Boyle	918	868,595
139	GLOUCESTER: Sawyer F. L. 2	Rachel S. Webber	23,375	35,897,763
140	Magnolia L. Assoc.	O. W. Richardson	-	-
141	Goshen F. P. L.	Pauline A. Webb	251	401,009
142	Gosnold F. P. L. (Cuttyhunk) 1	Mrs. Priscilla Ramon	142	1,367,087
143	Grafton F. P. L. 2	Nellie Ainsworth	6,973	5,138,918
144	Granby F. P. L. 1, 3 (38)	Mrs. M. C. Eastman	810	977,111
145	Granville P. L. 1	Mrs. Mable L. Henry	609	674,563
146	Granville Center L. Assoc.	Mrs. Mary Barnard	-	-
147	Great Barrington: Mason Mem. L.	Jennie K. Thompson	6,405	9,320,300
148	Housatonic: Ramsdell P. L. 2, 3 (16)	Helen Brown	-	-
149	Greenfield P. L. 2	May Ashley	15,246	22,874,650
150	Greenwich P. L. (Greenwich Village) 1	Laura E. Walker	450	632,472
151	Groton P. L. 3 (20)	Emma F. Blood	2,428	3,928,383
152	Groveland: Langley-Adams L. 3	Mrs. Ednah B. Dorr	2,485	1,768,793
153	†So. Groveland: Hale L. 3	Edward L. Sides	-	-
154	Hadley: Goodwin Mem. F. L. 1, 2	Grace A. Crosier	2,888	2,926,895
155	Halifax: Holmes P. L.	James T. Thomas	614	1,389,665
156	Hamilton F. P. L. 3	Mrs. Lydia Haraden	2,018	5,370,121
157	Hampden F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Hazel Burleigh	632	560,639
158	†Hancock: Taylor Mem. L. 1	Mrs. Doris Lovejoy	510	506,000
159	†Hanover: John Curtis F. L. 3 (3)	Mrs. Bernard Stetson	2,755	2,668,792
160	Hanson F. P. L.	-	2,166	2,207,059
161	Hardwick: Paige Mem. L.	Nettie C. Bridges	3,046	3,459,972
162	Gilbertville: P. L. 1, 3 (1).	Mary P. Colvin	-	-
163	Harvard P. L.	Helen F. Page	996	2,275,511
164	Harwich: Brooks F. L. 1	Miss S. L. Underwood	2,077	4,618,380
165	†Harwich Port L. 1	Mrs. A. H. Matson	-	-
166	West Harwich: Chase L.	Mrs. Ruth C. M. Nickerson	-	-
167	Hatfield F. P. L. 2, 3 (68)	Ellen A. Waite	2,702	2,761,990
168	HAVERHILL P. L. 3 (2,507)	Donald K. Campbell	49,232	66,415,800
169	Hawley F. P. L. (RFD Charlemont) 3 (5)	Albert F. Sears	354	279,280
170	Heath F. P. L. 1, 3 (2)	Mrs. Homer S. Tanner	298	372,515
171	Hingham P. L.	Helen L. Whiton	6,158	13,973,150
172	Hinsdale P. L. Assoc. 1	Mrs. Cora Lovell	1,044	941,487
173	†Holbrook P. L.	Mrs. Abbie French	3,273	2,981,609
174	Holden: Gale F. L. 3 (52)	Mrs. M. Addie Holden	3,436	3,073,964
175	Holland F. P. L. (RFD Southbridge) 1	Delia M. Blodgett	141	218,782
176	Holliston P. L.	Frances J. Hayes	2,812	3,427,096
177	HOLYOKE P. L. 3 (115)	Frank G. Wilcox	60,335	117,057,360
178	Hopedale: Bancroft Mem. L. 1, 3 (259)	Walter R. Meade	3,165	4,304,710
179	Hopkinton P. L. 1	Anna K. Sheriden	2,580	2,624,004
180	Hubbardston F. P. L. 2, 3 (30)	Mrs. Lucy H. Clough	1,067	992,235
181	Hudson P. L. 1, 2, 3 (23)	Mrs. G. M. Whittemore	8,130	6,951,683
182	*Hull P. L.	Mrs. Elizabeth J. Sirovich	2,652	17,375,980
183	Huntington F. P. L. 3 (54)	Marion Childs	1,543	1,182,780
184	Ipswich F. P. L. 1, 2, 3 (29)	Mrs. Grace E. Baxter	6,055	8,107,254
185	Kingston: Frederick C. Adams P. L.	Mrs. J. F. McLauthlen	2,524	3,062,300
186	Lakeville F. P. L. (RFD Middlebor- ough) 1	Hannah K. Nelson	1,439	1,392,840
187	Laicester Town L. 2, 3 (20)	Virginia M. Keyes	2,678	3,460,784
188	Lanesborough: Newton Mem. L. 1	Anna M. Sturgis	1,181	1,097,350
189	†LAWRENCE F. P. L. 3	William A. Walsh	93,527	130,132,800
190	Lee L. Assoc.	Mrs. Flora Saunders	4,058	5,329,421
191	Leicester P. L.	Mrs. Anna M. Collyer	4,110	3,722,672
192	Lenox L. Assoc. 2, 3 (58)	Edith O. Fitch	2,895	6,789,328
193	LEOMINSTER P. L. 2	Florence E. Wheeler	22,120	21,982,530
194	Leverett: Field Mem. L. 1, 2, 3 (29)	Dorothy C. King	664	481,753
195	Lexington: Cary Mem. L. 3 (165)	Marian P. Kirkland	7,785	15,495,833
196	†Leyden: Robertson Mem. L. 1	Mrs. Lucy M. Howes	270	287,247
197	†Lincoln P. L. 3	Elizabeth J. Chapin	1,306	2,678,814
198	Littleton: Reuben Hoar L. 2	Margaret E. Thacher	1,411	2,212,650
199	Longmeadow: Richard Salter Storrs L. (RFD Springfield)	Mrs. Lucy Booth	3,333	7,936,436
200	LOWELL: City L. 1	Frederick A. Chase	110,296	145,910,187
201	Ludlow: Hubbard Mem. L. 2	Ruth Abbott	8,802	10,837,998
202	Lunenburg: Ritter Mem. L. 2	L. Frances Jones	1,875	2,220,620
203	LYNN P. L. 2	Joyce G. Bisbee	103,081	125,203,410
204	†Lynnfield P. L. 1	Elizabeth W. Green	1,331	2,876,268
205	MALDEN P. L. 2, 3 (243)	Herbert W. Fison	51,789	62,772,650
206	Manchester P. L.	Jane C. Sargent	2,499	12,094,360
207	Mansfield P. L. 2, 3 (19)	Ethel F. Wood	6,590	7,434,740
208	Marblehead: Abbot P. L. 3 (555)	Anna B. Cole, Assoc. L.	8,214	17,812,860
209	Marion L. Assoc. 3 (7)	Alice A. Ryder	1,271	4,178,536

* 1925 figures.

† No report.

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Branches. Deposits. open per Week.			Hours Circulation.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Total Income.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Services.	
2	47	63	125,628	\$10,850 00	\$16,916 57	\$5,229 66	\$5,729 93	135
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	136
-	9	13	9,117	690 99	1,717 89	360 12	720 00	137
1	2	5	8,357	524 03	550 93	219 02	237 50	138
1	1	79	92,694	1,000 00	8,393 58	2,118 54	3,295 80	139
-	-	-	3,111	-	1,545 10	31 75	355 00	140
-	-	2	2,850	-	93 48	53 47	36 00	141
-	-	6	540	150 00	150 00	-	50 00	142
2	2	39	16,200	4,416 12	5,576 73	2,013 00	1,518 30	143
-	2	4	7,616	508 85	687 36	283 70	208 04	144
1	-	10	1,772	605 65	1,113 43	91 43	517 00	145
-	-	16	250	-	35 00	-	25 00	146
-	-	54	42,059	5,200 00	5,600 00	298 15	3,168 00	147
-	-	30	25,514	3,500 00	3,500 00	448 59	1,847 00	148
-	9	76	100,529	15,754 99	15,754 99	4,200 84	7,901 20	149
-	3	3	3,150	181 03	220 77	167 96	49 40	150
1	-	34	13,953	3,658 69	3,708 69	351 76	1,660 55	151
-	-	10	16,695	1,000 00	1,202 20	324 10	474 00	152
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	153
1	2	10	7,221	1,027 06	1,072 55	388 80	414 25	154
-	-	13	1,110	488 46	488 46	124 92	100 00	155
1	-	16	19,171	2,400 00	2,422 06	903 24	742 00	156
-	5	5½	6,743	459 31	494 60	308 01	181 00	157
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	158
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	159
3	1	6	14,377	803 23	1,587 02	764 92	340 00	160
-	-	6	5,411	-	1,625 58	564 41	354 00	161
-	-	12	19,117	-	2,240 84	847 86	654 10	162
-	-	22	11,066	665 70	3,547 65	661 98	1,250 46	163
-	-	4	6,100	1,000 00	1,049 75	250 14	199 75	164
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	165
-	5	5	5,508	50 00	390 75	192 78	101 45	166
-	6	6	13,645	850 00	862 60	519 58	296 15	167
2	36	72	255,048	35,686 32	50,757 36	9,988 47	24,546 48	168
2	-	-	412	25 00	25 00	-	-	169
-	-	10	4,239	163 03	227 99	150 98	75 00	170
-	-	30	24,901	-	4,853 19	908 07	1,428 00	171
-	-	8	7,005	484 21	773 41	162 40	252 00	172
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	173
-	-	15	11,474	2,200 00	2,718 00	197 12	1,460 00	174
-	2	2	1,468	164 74	164 74	44 94	52 00	175
-	-	18	16,433	1,734 73	2,247 49	650 90	632 00	176
1	108	79	245,588	39,621 12	40,849 41	7,720 17	24,584 87	177
1	1	42	38,038	4,130 90	5,657 43	683 88	3,202 52	178
-	-	18	27,761	-	-	-	-	179
-	-	10	11,034	284 33	1,386 00	230 46	411 75	180
-	-	37	56,358	5,164 94	5,164 94	1,251 76	2,704 00	181
-	-	8	19,634	3,910 45	3,910 45	676 88	2,399 57	182
-	-	10	9,595	410 34	635 34	219 23	155 00	183
-	-	24	25,326	600 00	2,620 09	732 80	1,025 00	184
-	-	33	9,855	1,525 00	2,790 45	500 40	1,043 33	185
1	-	6	4,676	725 88	725 88	137 30	395 00	186
-	4	42	27,075	2,928 30	3,739 80	925 14	1,415 36	187
-	-	4	3,313	239 84	343 34	82 50	99 00	188
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	189
-	-	27½	11,159	2,200 00	2,291 24	270 98	818 00	190
3	-	30	14,229	2,550 00	3,519 56	381 88	1,221 64	191
-	-	32	21,568	314 93	8,574 03	1,007 16	4,260 45	192
-	41	80	130,788	11,800 00	11,875 00	2,447 32	6,707 15	193
2	5	10	5,757	304 50	388 10	176 22	163 67	194
1	-	61	61,562	9,942 59	11,224 58	1,463 93	6,675 00	195
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	196
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	197
-	-	15	13,679	1,250 00	2,092 11	627 05	891 30	198
-	-	18	19,008	1,604 10	1,604 10	890 02	474 95	199
-	317	72	249,920	28,964 08	34,979 80	5,517 52	22,964 08	200
-	7	39	36,005	5,462 36	5,462 36	1,737 37	2,300 00	201
-	-	10	13,252	1,320 11	1,726 65	610 82	460 00	202
4	49	63	471,974	63,002 65	66,628 87	9,043 91	43,335 33	203
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	204
2	88	70	349,694	26,000 00	46,211 56	8,716 88	26,007 88	205
-	-	36	27,595	3,007 96	3,007 96	1,124 16	1,670 00	206
-	6	42	43,069	4,621 39	5,198 18	1,570 88	2,638 34	207
-	-	64	52,130	5,503 61	10,241 55	1,973 69	4,177 64	208
-	-	66	18,512	300 00	3,546 62	813 24	1,630 00	209

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LIBRARY.		Librarian.	Population 1925.	Valuation
210	MARLBOROUGH P. L.	John P. McGee	16,236	\$17,343,688
211	†Marshfield: Ventress F. L. 3 (85)	Josephine A. Baker	1,777	5,645,151
212	Marshfield Hills: Clift Rodgers F. L.	Irene Purdy	-	-
213	Mashpee F. P. L. 1, 3	Clara N. Collins	298	1,149,608
214	Mattapoisett F. P. L. 1	Grace A. Tilden	1,556	3,015,943
215	Maynard P. L. 2	Mrs. Sarah F. Nyman	7,857	6,656,560
216	Medfield: Mem. P. L.	Mrs. Clara A. Emery	3,867	2,423,113
217	MEDFORD P. L. 2	Abby L. Sargent	47,627	65,377,800
218	†Medway: Dean L. Assoc. 3	Mrs. Bertha C. Hunt	3,144	2,962,210
219	West Medway F. P. L.	Mrs. L. W. Esten	-	-
220	MELROSE P. L. 3 (155)	Elsie M. Hatch	20,165	31,270,000
221	Mendon: Taft P. L. 3 (6)	Mrs. Verena R. Daley	1,030	1,241,600
222	Merrimac P. L. 1, 3	Susanna I. Sayre	2,349	1,976,470
223	Merrimacport L. Assoc.	Mrs. F. L. Breed	-	-
224	Methuen: Nevins Mem. L. 2, 3 (94)	Beatrice N. Weibel	20,606	19,864,145
225	Middleborough P. L. 2, 3 (126)	Mrs. Mertie E. Witbeck	9,136	9,400,946
226	Middlefield P. L. 1	Florence M. Cook	223	320,315
227	*Middleton: Flint P. L. 1	Edith L. Fletcher	1,667	1,564,847
228	Milford Town L. 3 (707)	Ethelwyn Blake	14,781	15,243,595
229	Millbury P. L.	Carolyn C. Waters	6,441	5,520,414
230	Millis P. L. 3 (140)	Carrie D. Hammond	1,791	2,728,691
231	Millville P. L.	Mary V. Murphy	2,366	1,431,360
232	Milton P. L. 2, 3	Carrie S. Allen	12,861	29,988,445
233	Monroe F. P. L. (Monroe Bridge) 1	Mrs. W. J. Ellis	143	609,803
234	Monson F. L. 2	Mrs. Etta Lewis	5,089	3,056,881
235	Montague Town L. 1, 2	Mrs. Kate A. Hayden	7,973	10,295,549
236	Millers Falls L.	Mrs. E. A. Lawrence	-	-
237	Montague City L.	Mrs. Altie Pitts	-	-
238	Turners Falls: Carnegie P. L. 2	Edith L. Barber	-	-
239	Monterey F. P. L. 1, 3 (9)	Newman B. Abercrombie	348	636,890
240	Montgomery F. P. L. 1	Augusta Williams	191	213,698
241	†Mount Washington P. L. (Copake Iron Works, N. Y.)	Mrs. Hazel Annis	58	185,131
242	Nahant P. L. 3 (35)	May W. Perkins	1,630	4,837,809
243	Nantucket Athenaeum	Clara Parker	3,152	9,807,620
244	Natick: Morse Inst. L. 1, 2	Mira R. Partridge	12,871	10,900,875
245	So. Natick: Bacon F. L.	Mrs. Ella M. Karb	-	-
246	Needham F. P. L. 2	Barbara Abbott	8,977	17,476,805
247	New Ashford F. P. L.	-	85	102,339
248	NEW BEDFORD F. P. L. 3 (279)	George H. Tripp	119,539	222,447,775
249	New Braintree F. P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. James T. Greene	423	517,079
250	New Marlborough: Town L. (Mill River) 1	Lulu C. Blodgett	991	1,302,710
251	Southfield: Seymour L. Assoc.	Mrs. Almon Heath	-	-
252	New Salem F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Alice Stowell	519	671,271
253	Newbury: P. L. (Byfield) 1, 3	Mrs. Orin Arlin	1,432	2,160,862
254	NEWBURYPORT P. L. 1, 2	John D. Parsons	15,656	13,545,360
255	NEWTON F. L. 2	Julius Lucht	53,003	132,230,700
256	†Norfolk P. L.	Mrs. Lucy MacKay	1,213	1,562,591
257	NORTH ADAMS P. L. 2, 3 (79)	Mabel Temple	22,717	27,603,281
258	No. Andover: Stevens Mem. L. 2	Elizabeth M. Pond	6,839	8,626,314
259	No. Attleborough: Richards Mem. L. 2	Ethel M. Rix	9,790	9,894,810
260	No. Brookfield F. P. L.	Katharine E. Smith	3,046	2,532,058
261	No. Reading: Flint L. 1	Addie W. Gowing	1,689	2,062,344
262	NORTHAMPTON: Forbes L. 2, 3	Joseph L. Harrison	24,145	27,777,200
263	Florence: Lilly L. 1, 2, 3 (3)	Mrs. Mary W. Field	-	-
264	Northborough F. L. 1	M. Evelyn Potter	1,968	2,122,899
265	Northbridge: Whitinsville Social L. (Whitinsville) 1, 2, 3, (35)	Ethel M. Pope	10,051	9,265,188
266	Northfield: Dickinson Mem. L.	Mrs. C. A. Randall	1,821	1,963,451
267	Northfield Farms L. Assoc. 1, 2	Mrs. Nettie F. Perry	-	-
268	Norton P. L.	Lora Hopkins	2,769	2,453,525
269	Norwell: James L. 1, 3 (28)	Marion G. Merritt	1,466	1,740,975
270	Accord: Ridge Hill L. 1	Mrs. Wm. J. Leonard	-	-
271	Norwood: Morrill Mem. L. 2, 3 (137)	Jane A. Hewett	14,151	25,387,075
272	Oak Bluffs F. P. L. 2	Mrs. Mabel A. Mayhew	1,314	3,714,300
273	Oakham: Fobes Mem. L. 1, 3	Ira D. Pinney	525	492,537
274	Orange: Wheeler Mem. L. 2, 3	Miss N. G. Hendrickson	5,141	5,558,265
275	Orleans: Snow L.	Mary S. Cummings	1,078	3,815,055
276	Otis F. P. L. 1, 3	Mrs. Kate H. Somes	395	465,130
277	Oxford: Charles Larned Mem. L. 3 (6)	Harriet B. Kilton	4,026	2,793,244
278	Palmer: Young Men's L. Assoc. 3 (224)	May E. Robinson	11,044	11,899,743
279	Paxton F. P. L. 1, 2, 3 (8)	Mrs. F. K. Hyde	591	794,882
280	PEABODY Institute L. 1, 2	John E. Keefe	19,870	22,648,143
281	Eben Dale Sutton Ref. L.	Frances M. Carroll	-	-
282	†Pelham F. P. L. (RFD Amherst) 1, 2	Mrs. Ida H. Weaver	519	624,114
283	Pembroke F. L. 1	Ellen F. Cox	1,480	2,629,730
284	Bryantville: Cobb L. 3 (5)	Mrs. Julia W. Morton	-	-
285	Pepperell: Lawrence Mem. L. 1	Helen M. Wiley	2,779	3,086,546

* 1925 figures.

† No report.

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Branches.	Deposits.	Hours open per Week.	Circulation.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Total Income.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Services.	
-	-	60	53,820	\$8,717 74	\$9,884 25	\$1,810 74	\$5,800 00	210
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	211
-	-	3	-	-	275 00	-	38 25	212
-	2	2	851	115 00	115 00	36 00	50 00	213
-	-	12	10,768	1,414 76	1,414 76	494 88	435 74	214
-	-	37	33,062	3,280 41	3,280 41	747 18	1,401 50	215
-	-	27	13,379	1,750 00	2,156 32	569 51	1,112 00	216
1	15	67	113,632	23,000 00	23,000 00	5,183 98	12,104 81	217
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	218
-	-	5	5,854	750 00	750 00	390 98	97 53	219
4	29	69	136,676	16,577 00	16,577 00	3,300 00	10,077 00	220
-	1	6½	9,886	650 00	672 76	95 82	252 00	221
-	-	11	10,806	750 00	750 00	345 42	255 60	222
-	-	2½	4,180	-	339 82	-	-	223
-	14	42	42,237	-	8,648 84	1,139 88	5,302 90	224
-	5	72	81,534	6,325 00	9,477 14	1,930 57	4,500 00	225
-	1	5	1,250	25 00	25 00	-	25 00	226
-	-	6	7,563	300 00	1,076 29	201 48	440 00	227
-	-	25	58,350	3,800 00	3,800 00	816 46	2,251 07	228
-	-	18	15,528	2,500 00	2,552 69	485 40	1,312 00	229
-	-	12	8,996	559 17	565 45	359 87	204 00	230
-	8	-	9,765	614 00	614 00	504 00	100 00	231
3	10	61	110,742	20,035 00	22,868 99	2,781 50	11,371 39	232
1	10	6	1,365	74 42	77 92	59 50	25 00	233
1	3	45	18,478	500 00	2,822 32	794 85	1,361 85	234
-	-	8½	8,792	818 79	843 79	381 87	360 00	235
-	-	7½	5,778	1,268 79	1,268 79	349 15	252 32	236
-	-	3	1,343	-	12 34	-	49 00	237
-	-	36	48,609	5,937 57	5,937 57	1,248 43	2,474 16	238
-	2	4	1,616	200 00	266 83	99 00	52 00	239
-	-	2	-	49 50	49 50	-	25 00	240
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	241
-	-	22	23,481	4,350 00	4,350 00	1,288 21	1,250 25	242
1	-	23	28,240	2,000 00	4,389 07	831 89	2,471 37	243
-	-	72	80,834	12,275 00	14,882 37	2,293 34	8,959 96	244
-	-	13½	7,825	-	1,812 54	220 66	713 09	245
-	4	33	52,106	7,097 30	7,671 00	2,030 53	4,103 10	246
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	247
3	206	72	543,569	69,868 14	84,630 81	13,652 11	59,511 47	248
-	-	2	3,752	311 34	403 93	250 08	35 00	249
4	-	5	3,828	500 00	626 17	276 97	200 00	250
-	-	3	550	-	-	-	-	251
2	-	2	2,142	75 00	231 76	58 86	20 00	252
-	-	10	933	-	26 09	-	-	253
-	-	77	53,068	10,039 82	14,848 38	2,831 64	7,950 84	254
9	43	82	527,414	74,539 76	80,061 52	19,954 02	43,616 42	255
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	256
3	1	70	134,128	14,250 00	14,352 01	3,916 56	7,311 71	257
-	3	24	24,389	5,100 00	7,902 18	893 91	3,732 55	258
-	-	44	49,832	5,600 00	6,390 30	2,120 28	2,918 18	259
-	3	34½	25,955	2,500 00	2,500 00	559 27	1,251 39	260
1	-	11	8,911	345 40	591 77	210 45	207 00	261
2	9	76	161,428	20,000 00	42,000 00	11,000 00	20,000 00	262
-	-	36	21,833	900 00	2,460 34	241 66	1,348 25	263
-	1	15½	13,300	1,274 19	3,867 24	847 15	750 00	264
1	16	33	80,800	7,238 28	9,283 19	3,035 75	3,709 36	265
-	-	18	14,113	550 00	1,171 66	322 76	524 73	266
-	-	4	1,465	-	175 00	126 00	39 00	267
1	4	9	15,045	800 00	1,402 84	608 32	534 36	268
-	-	2	2,025	200 00	880 74	96 35	285 00	269
-	-	3	1,541	50 00	63 16	41 36	-	270
-	-	4	82,382	12,758 88	12,758 88	2,223 48	8,195 00	271
-	-	10	10,075	1,054 96	1,154 96	229 10	421 00	272
-	-	8	3,536	581 19	581 19	33 19	318 60	273
-	9	36	49,369	5,000 00	5,067 13	1,071 38	2,411 50	274
-	-	12	9,809	1,000 00	1,211 71	308 67	508 00	275
-	4	6	1,684	175 00	175 00	41 03	57 91	276
1	3	10	16,440	1,831 92	2,151 48	560 95	803 75	277
3	3	33	66,864	4,600 00	4,890 77	1,506 23	2,714 85	278
-	-	13½	2,901	756 46	1,028 38	-	629 80	279
-	-	-	-	4,000 00	9,438 93	1,678 68	3,323 10	280
-	-	39	-	-	1,300 00	33 70	1,220 00	281
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	282
3	3	5½	6,863	300 00	300 00	184 01	60 00	283
-	6	8	7,786	-	1,328 95	523 25	238 75	284
-	-	29	13,845	-	2,705 55	393 04	1,572 25	285

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	LIBRARY.	Librarian.	Population 1925.	Valuation.
286	†Peru F. P. L.	Trustees	113	\$295,902
287	Petersham Mem. L. 1, 3	Mrs. S. C. Warren, Act'g	672	1,478,373
288	Phillipston: Phillips F. P. L.	Mrs. Alice Amidon	384	360,051
289	PITTSFIELD: Berkshire Athenaeum 2	Harlan H. Ballard	46,877	52,239,845
290	Plainfield: Shaw Mem. L. 1	Florence Bliss	282	333,214
291	Plainville P. L. 1	Theodore Fuller	1,512	1,380,399
292	Plymouth P. L. 1, 2, 3 (646)	Mrs. John Figmie	13,176	25,856,150
293	Manomet P. L. Assoc.	Mrs. Emma Bartlett	-	-
294	Plympton P. L. 1	Helen S. Robbins	511	668,866
295	Prescott F. P. L. (RFD Greenwich Village) 1	Elsie M. Thresher	230	309,074
296	Princeton P. L.	Susan A. Davis	773	1,374,671
297	Provincetown P. L.	Abbie C. Putnam	3,787	4,407,541
298	QUINCY: Thomas Crane P. L. 2	Galen W. Hill	60,055	122,104,475
299	Randolph: Turner F. L.	Sarah C. Belcher	5,644	4,918,900
300	Raynham P. L. (Raynham Center) 1	Lucy W. Thompson	2,128	1,771,514
301	Reading P. L. 3 (188)	Bertha L. Brown	8,693	13,807,073
302	†Rehoboth: Blanding F. P. L.	Mrs. Charles Fuller	2,332	1,971,391
303	REVERE P. L. 3 (197)	Harriet T. Fenno	33,261	39,112,800
304	Richmond F. P. L. 1	Ida H. Barnes	619	610,016
305	Rochester F. P. L. (RFD Marion) 1, 3 (52)	Mrs. Annie Wilbur	1,100	1,211,399
306	*Rockland Mem. L. 2	Mrs. Lida A. Clark	7,966	8,240,590
307	Rockport P. L. 1	Mabel L. Woodfall	3,949	5,300,760
308	†Pigeon Cove L.	Mrs. M. B. F. Mitchell	-	-
309	Rowe Town L. 1	Mrs. B. T. Henry	292	312,962
310	Rowley F. P. L. 1, 3	Mrs. Mary E. Perley	1,408	1,379,992
311	Royalston: P. S. Newton L. 1, 2	Mrs. E. E. Mackenzie	821	1,019,136
312	Russell F. P. L.	Mrs. James Walkinshaw	1,398	3,857,766
313	Rutland F. P. L. 1, 3 (9)	L. Edna Wheeler	2,236	1,297,911
314	SALEM P. L. 2, 3 (886)	Gardner M. Jones	42,821	54,273,460
315	Salisbury F. P. L.	Mrs. Frances L. Pettengill	1,820	3,006,700
316	Sandisfield P. L. (New Boston) 1	Dora W. Seems	480	707,275
317	Sandwich: Weston Mem. L. 3 (82)	Mrs. Eliz. L. Burbank	1,479	2,433,300
318	Saugus F. P. L.	Mrs. Laura H. Taylor	12,743	12,428,254
319	Savoy F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Eva Sherman	399	254,835
320	Seituate: Allen Mem. L.	Edith A. Manson	2,713	11,791,809
221	No. Seituate: Pierce Mem. L. 1	Mrs. C. B. Stoddard	-	-
322	Seekonk P. L. 1	Alice E. Woodbury	4,191	4,334,452
323	Sharon P. L. 3 (80)	Mrs. Edith Hodsdon	3,119	5,965,857
324	Sheffield F. Town L. 3	Nellie M. Nelson	1,614	1,395,123
325	†Shelburne P. L. (Shelburne Falls)	Mrs. C. M. Dinsmore	1,538	2,604,696
326	Shelburne Falls: Arms L. 1, 2, 3 (26)	Mrs. S. A. Field	-	-
327	Sherborn Town L. 3 (3)	Mrs. Francis Bardwell	929	1,681,613
328	Shirley P. L. 1, 3 (43)	Grace M. Kilburn	2,394	2,080,334
329	Shrewsbury F. P. L. 3 (246)	Mabel E. Knowlton	5,819	7,044,015
330	Shutesbury: M. M. Spear Mem. L. 1	Mrs. N. E. Crossman	208	465,060
331	Somerset F. P. L.	Flora B. Wood	4,818	9,348,025
332	SOMERVILLE P. L. 2, 3 (76)	George H. Evans	99,032	109,262,400
333	So. Hadley: Gaylord Mem. L. 2, 3 (18)	Gertrude E. Gaylord	6,609	7,037,733
334	So. Hadley Falls F. P. L. 2, 3 (168)	Lottie I. Judd	-	-
335	Southampton P. L. 1	Mrs. E. L. Clark	916	864,102
336	Southborough: Fay L.	Sarah V. Stivers	2,053	3,285,366
337	Southbridge: Jacob Edwards L. 2	Ella E. Miersch	15,489	12,289,900
338	Southwick P. L. 1, 3 (50)	Mrs. Musetta Phelps	1,267	1,829,631
339	Spencer: Richard Sugden P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Dora N. Hodgdon	6,523	4,411,883
340	SPRINGFIELD: City L. Assoc. 2, 3 (211)	Hiller C. Wellman	142,065	303,350,510
341	Sterling: Conant F. P. L. 1, 3	Mrs. Fannie T. Lent	1,516	1,621,185
342	Stockbridge L. Assoc. 3 (363)	Olga M. Wilcox	1,830	5,459,910
343	Stoneham P. L. 2, 3 (150)	Martha A. Jackson	9,084	10,963,975
344	Stoughton P. L. 3	Alice G. Leary	7,857	8,080,514
345	Stow: Randall Mem. L. 3 (87)	Eleanor L. Smith	1,185	1,648,125
346	Sturbridge: Joshua Hyde P. L. 1	Susan L. Haynes	1,845	1,237,125
347	Sudbury: Goodnow P. L. (So. Sudbury) 1	Mrs. Mabel Gohlke	1,394	2,014,425
348	*Sunderland P. L. 3 (415)	Mrs. Mary Pomeroy	1,290	1,236,585
349	Sutton F. P. L. (RFD Millbury) 1, 2, 3	Mrs. E. F. Freeland	2,174	2,047,910
350	Swampscott P. L.	Lucy Eveleth	8,953	21,232,462
351	Swansea F. P. L.	-	3,250	4,064,255
352	TAUNTON P. L.	Joshua E. Crane	39,255	41,186,375
353	Templeton: Boynton P. L. 1, 2, 3	Grace E. Blodgett	4,368	2,809,734
354	Tewksbury P. L.	Abbie M. Blaisdell	4,985	3,163,686
355	Tisbury: Vineyard Haven P. L. (Vineyard Haven)	Bessie H. Stanton	1,431	5,613,540
356	Tolland F. P. L. 1	-	150	305,456
357	Topsfield Town L. 3 (56)	Mrs. George F. Dow	915	2,868,955
358	Townsend P. L. 2, 3 (128)	Mrs. Evelyn Warren	1,895	2,011,484
359	*Truro: Cobb Mem. L. 1	Mrs. Sarah V. Yates	504	1,076,727
360	Tyngsborough: Littlefield L.	Jennie J. Bancroft	1,107	1,253,432

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Branches.	Deposits.	Hours open per Week.	Circulation.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Total Income.	Books and and Periodicals.	Salaries and Services.
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	286
-	-	8	4,669	\$246 87	\$1,867 45	\$482 27	\$716 00 287
-	3	5	-	75 00	308 26	193 95	90 00 288
-	-	67	138,672	2,400 00	32,571 31	3,490 67	20,245 57 289
-	-	5	2,568	-	96 98	29 93	61 50 290
-	1	6	5,101	875 28	875 28	431 65	174 00 291
-	15	66	76,309	6,000 00	7,881 73	1,660 17	4,126 68 292
-	-	9	-	500 00	522 26	163 67	250 00 293
-	1	6	3,232	250 00	262 24	136 23	78 90 294
2	-	3	1,832	25 00	25 00	-	12 00 295
-	-	5	4,254	250 00	1,006 64	353 86	200 00 296
-	-	21	18,477	1,200 00	1,301 97	329 60	708 50 297
10	144	76	467,190	41,842 61	44,055 08	10,142 83	22,906 44 298
-	-	19½	22,525	29 15	2,525 66	535 07	1,260 80 299
-	-	5	5,200	611 03	630 18	235 87	181 15 300
-	9	26	50,216	6,800 89	6,800 89	2,001 87	3,458 58 301
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	302
-	1	45	31,605	8,395 00	8,395 00	1,926 35	4,790 00 303
-	3	12	2,239	285 00	285 00	52 13	160 00 304
1	7	5	-	250 00	356 31	246 53	82 00 305
-	-	36	54,027	4,802 24	4,802 24	1,299 17	2,699 34 306
-	-	18	15,033	2,500 00	2,500 00	516 75	1,110 00 307
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	308
-	-	6	1,358	75 00	151 84	57 80	75 00 309
-	-	7½	8,760	622 81	655 07	465 31	100 00 310
-	-	6½	4,223	350 00	425 93	166 66	165 00 311
-	-	4½	5,931	700 00	700 00	443 00	245 00 312
1	-	13	7,511	446 50	524 92	270 95	222 00 313
3	62	72	165,384	32,113 00	35,358 27	5,448 66	20,387 58 314
1	-	10	14,713	857 89	857 89	410 92	274 78 315
-	-	2	-	160 15	182 65	80 00	12 50 316
-	-	15½	13,210	300 00	2,212 17	309 10	1,289 96 317
4	1	30½	49,427	4,500 00	4,595 00	1,647 49	1,499 09 318
2	-	-	660	73 12	93 12	73 12	20 00 319
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	320
-	-	11	5,378	783 45	938 45	234 22	287 01 321
-	-	6	6,401	500 00	500 00	353 41	104 00 322
-	4	18	19,064	2,421 45	2,699 02	533 83	1,372 52 323
-	-	2	3,667	200 00	248 00	174 25	73 75 324
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	325
-	-	15	24,297	1,400 00	1,821 10	798 38	660 00 326
-	-	16	7,517	1,819 03	1,819 03	-	920 00 327
-	-	9	8,765	1,337 46	1,349 96	567 68	487 15 328
1	5	30	25,718	3,711 16	5,904 79	962 85	3,044 00 329
-	-	1	1,005	95 37	95 37	62 04	20 00 330
1	-	9	7,750	1,411 49	1,897 33	327 12	265 25 331
3	258	72	482,306	60,882 58	64,743 26	18,092 87	41,954 32 332
13	-	19½	16,965	933 33	3,744 70	527 51	990 00 333
-	1	24	17,678	1,866 66	2,145 47	463 51	1,180 00 334
-	7	6½	6,651	386 50	547 12	200 39	162 00 335
2	-	16	11,131	1,800 00	1,864 68	284 92	906 80 336
-	-	57½	70,048	10,000 00	12,408 72	2,339 88	5,512 53 337
-	6	8½	4,919	375 00	559 50	119 08	225 00 338
-	9	39	32,648	-	5,880 15	525 00	1,900 00 339
3	504	74	1,422,777	\$165,300 00	\$198,721 50	25,295 88	110,464 88 340
-	-	10	6,685	455 51	1,095 20	385 88	302 00 341
2	-	51	21,204	2,500 00	4,844 50	662 44	2,154 36 342
-	-	42	46,235	6,290 00	6,290 00	1,360 75	2,828 27 343
1	-	20	50,573	4,235 00	5,472 00	1,488 23	2,888 30 344
-	-	9	6,571	-	632 50	129 27	200 00 345
-	1	7	8,370	600 00	957 71	330 55	357 82 346
1	-	12	6,496	300 00	1,237 00	434 00	576 00 347
-	-	7	12,902	473 82	881 32	448 70	270 29 348
4	4	6	8,730	643 19	693 24	444 99	146 20 349
-	-	45	48,201	5,400 00	7,631 51	1,866 67	4,123 10 350
2	-	6	7,014	750 00	1,014 30	270 65	457 20 351
3	2	77	128,650	18,000 00	19,845 75	5,642 40	10,868 58 352
3	-	7½	34,807	2,174 46	2,921 70	1,253 38	1,008 47 353
3	2	8½	15,585	1,386 92	1,386 92	809 61	529 50 354
-	-	15	-	800 00	875 10	300 00	415 93 355
-	1	-	250	40 00	40 00	-	25 00 356
-	-	5½	7,518	-	667 68	244 29	160 00 357
-	1	8	13,156	1,170 00	1,351 87	589 97	490 00 358
2	-	6	4,365	557 67	557 67	134 02	204 00 359
-	1	5	8,785	450 30	1,118 83	204 76	341 53 360

‡ Includes museums.

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	LIBRARY.	Librarian.	Population 1925.	Valuation.
361	Tyringham F. P. L. 1, 3 (30)	Mrs. Eloise Myers	280	\$385,280
362	Upton Town L. 3 (5)	Helen A. Fay	1,988	1,366,199
363	Uxbridge F. P. L. 1, 3 (354)	Mrs. Beatrice Sprague	6,172	7,199,660
364	Wakefield: Lucius Beebe Mem. L. 2	Helen F. Carleton	15,611	21,106,370
365	Wales F. P. L. 1, 3 (4)	Phyrne Squier	434	420,891
366	Walpole F. P. L. 2, 3 (242)	Dorothy Annable	6,508	11,800,109
367	WALTHAM P. L. 3 (267)	Leslie T. Little	34,746	52,684,000
368	Ware: Young Men's L. Assoc. 2, 3 (942)	Mary L. Smith	8,629	8,306,950
369	Wareham F. L.	Mrs. Mae C. Miller	5,594	11,019,170
370	Warren P. L. 1	Ada L. Wetherbee	3,950	4,090,532
371	West Warren L. Assoc.	Rose T. Faneuf	-	-
372	Warwick F. L. 1	Mrs. Mary C. Cole	364	458,765
373	Washington F. P. L. 1	Maude B. Smith	231	216,400
374	Watertown F. P. L. 2	Lydia W. Masters	25,480	42,688,276
375	Wayland F. P. L.	Margaret Wheeler	2,255	4,906,348
376	Webster: Chester C. Corbin P. L. 1, 3	Mrs. P. P. Kingsbury	13,389	12,615,201
377	Wellesley F. P. L. 2, 3 (36)	Kathleen A. Kennedy	9,049	29,844,700
378	Wellfleet P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Kate E. Brown	786	1,304,539
379	Wendell F. L. (Wendell Depot) 1, 3 (7)	Marion E. Whitney	397	782,252
380	Wenham P. L. 1, 3 (28)	Margaret B. Batchelder	1,145	3,157,106
381	W. Boylston: Beaman Mem. P. L. 3 (200)	Annie M. Waite	1,916	1,784,179
382	W. Bridgewater P. L. 1, 3 (189)	Charlotte L. Williams, Act'g	3,121	3,134,458
383	W. Brookfield: Merriam P. L. 1	Helen P. Shackley	1,314	1,342,249
384	W. Newbury P. L. 1	Mrs. Sarah Bailey	1,337	1,140,581
385	W. Springfield P. L. 2, 3 (750)	Marion Bowler	15,326	26,139,272
386	W. Stockbridge P. L. 2, 3	Mrs. Susan W. Blake	1,212	1,147,996
387	W. Tisbury F. P. L. 1, 3	Mrs. Emma Whiting	332	701,725
388	Westborough P. L. 3 (8)	Mrs. Abbie F. Judd	6,348	4,283,450
389	WESTFIELD Athenaeum 2, 3 (119)	Kenneth J. Boyer	19,342	20,538,761
390	Westford: J. V. Fletcher L. 3 (5)	May E. Day	3,571	4,209,311
391	Westhampton: Reunion Town L. (RFD Northampton) 1	Charles R. Burt	337	326,499
392	Westminster: Forbush Mem. L.	Sarah F. Greene	1,884	1,340,030
393	Weston P. L. 3 (11)	Maude M. Pennock	2,906	7,775,682
394	Westport P. L.	Emily F. Sisson	4,207	6,149,325
395	†Central Village: F. P. L. 3	Mrs. A. R. Howland	-	-
396	Westport Point Mem. L.	Katharine S. Hall	-	-
397	Westwood P. L. 1	Anne Richardson	1,706	4,000,722
398	Weymouth: Tufts L.	Abbie L. Loud	17,253	32,827,151
399	So. Weymouth: Fogg L. 3	Mary A. Fogg	-	-
400	†Whately P. L. 1, 2, 3	Arlene I. Roote	1,229	1,116,376
401	Whitman P. L.	Grace W. Holbrook	7,857	8,031,665
402	Wilbraham F. P. L. (No. Wilbraham) 1	Mrs. J. T. Abbott	2,833	2,913,535
403	Williamsburg: Meekins Mem. L. 2	Lizzie Bisbee	1,993	1,329,521
404	Haydenville P. L. 2	Maude E. Warner	-	-
405	Williamstown P. L. 2	Elizabeth K. Whelden	4,006	6,668,434
406	†So. Williamstown P. L.	Minnie A. Torrey	-	-
407	Wilmington P. L. 1	Anna T. Sheldon	3,515	3,511,297
408	Winchendon: Beals Mem. L.	Anna G. Rockwell	6,173	5,463,940
409	Winchester P. L.	Cora A. Quimby	11,565	28,252,575
410	Windsor F. P. L. 1, 3 (89)	Mrs. Ethel Colby	388	442,948
411	Winthrop P. L. 2	Dorothy L. Kinney	16,158	23,983,650
412	Woburn P. L. 2	William D. Goddard	18,370	19,151,450
413	No. Woburn: Eunice Thompson Mem. L.	Dorothea Blue	-	-
414	WORCESTER F. P. L. 2	Robert K. Shaw	190,757	323,182,000
415	Worthington: Frederick Sargent Huntington L.	Arthur G. Capen	429	529,428
416	Wrentham: Fiske P. L.	Ernest A. Hall	3,214	3,071,817
417	Yarmouth L. Assoc. (Y. Port)	Mrs. L. C. Matthews	1,532	3,606,525
418	†So. Yarmouth F. Social L. 1	Mrs. George B. Sears	-	-
419	West Yarmouth L.	Mrs. P. H. Baker	-	-

† No report.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Concluded.*

Branches.	Deposits.	Hours open per Week.	Circulation.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Total Income.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Services.	
-	-	2½	1,835	\$175 00	\$206 03	\$80 00	\$61 60	361
1	-	8	12,021	723 38	955 38	425 22	332 55	362
1	5	37	30,961	2,873 76	4,538 63	691 39	2,168 92	363
1	6	70	137,406	21,107 69	23,540 73	8,402 44	10,596 53	364
-	3	4	2,230	249 17	254 17	98 91	100 28	365
1	25	39	54,111	7,000 00	7,050 00	3,064 35	3,276 72	366
2	81	72	286,677	36,983 00	37,592 68	7,809 00	21,083 77	367
-	2	36	47,234	2,145 35	6,195 10	1,805 18	3,242 50	368
-	-	18	17,549	2,000 00	3,612 80	714 05	932 50	369
-	-	36	9,253	1,317 15	2,328 90	335 62	770 00	370
-	-	19½	2,753	750 00	968 85	182 55	339 50	371
-	-	10	3,910	252 10	468 10	290 99	228 60	372
-	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	373
1	46	72	187,584	22,900 00	23,633 63	4,638 26	13,875 06	374
1	3	21	26,294	3,939 00	4,975 00	1,032 00	2,506 00	375
-	-	46	59,970	7,000 00	9,075 68	1,893 64	5,012 55	376
3	4	72	91,712	12,938 11	14,805 09	2,051 58	8,233 31	377
1	-	10	6,500	400 00	506 46	146 88	175 00	378
-	-	3	2,606	100 00	115 98	47 52	54 60	379
-	-	8	14,092	1,500 00	1,500 00	916 30	516 38	380
1	1	26	14,449	4,438 49	4,927 36	341 70	1,302 90	381
1	10	13½	14,652	720 00	1,692 09	573 85	620 24	382
-	-	28	16,494	1,273 50	1,954 72	442 76	840 00	383
1	2	9	7,816	634 22	717 58	112 00	386 00	384
3	43	42	93,801	9,500 00	9,940 49	2,347 54	5,315 49	385
-	5	6	-	450 00	450 00	155 02	193 50	386
-	1	5	1,800	75 09	216 69	67 75	25 00	387
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	388
-	27	72	133,602	13,951 09	16,223 72	3,031 66	9,458 32	389
-	7	18	17,800	2,960 35	3,005 35	841 79	1,506 75	390
-	-	3	1,434	97 74	124 74	91 10	50 00	391
1	3	13	14,385	1,622 58	2,186 03	387 45	594 96	392
1	-	35	25,034	6,849 79	9,147 77	2,504 77	3,720 00	393
-	-	3	3,014	200 00	457 57	186 01	50 00	394
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	395
-	2	9	-	200 00	200 00	200 00	-	396
1	-	6	11,575	1,048 52	1,357 00	523 36	403 23	397
2	5	34	106,008	13,835 00	15,166 75	3,814 87	5,460 30	398
-	-	25	26,000	1,000 00	3,240 04	1,025 53	1,020 00	399
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400
-	-	30	53,175	3,400 00	3,400 00	1,186 00	1,851 60	401
1	10	18	10,245	1,053 98	1,403 85	321 97	211 25	402
-	-	-	8,151	-	1,735 00	415 00	670 00	403
-	-	2	3,654	250 00	260 00	187 85	65 50	404
2	-	24	21,421	2,672 67	2,684 67	963 78	1,208 07	405
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	406
-	-	12	11,180	800 00	837 08	350 05	372 50	407
-	-	33	28,163	4,165 08	4,267 60	1,398 44	1,856 78	408
-	-	39	53,253	7,100 00	7,265 00	2,488 50	3,264 58	409
3	3	2	1,105	50 00	50 00	12 05	17 91	410
-	3	45	75,758	8,680 00	8,680 00	2,024 59	3,822 19	411
2	10	61	116,774	14,000 00	18,075 29	2,751 46	10,515 60	412
-	-	15	7,604	-	1,898 50	193 94	519 26	413
3	372	89	928,786	139,880 96	151,998 74	28,385 37	102,442 10	414
-	5	4	3,504	120 72	391 08	122 04	80 00	415
-	-	10½	9,292	1,100 00	1,329 25	280 96	725 00	416
-	-	14	-	75 60	1,089 30	329 57	225 00	417
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	418
-	-	2	2,949	75 09	93 21	50 00	50 00	419

